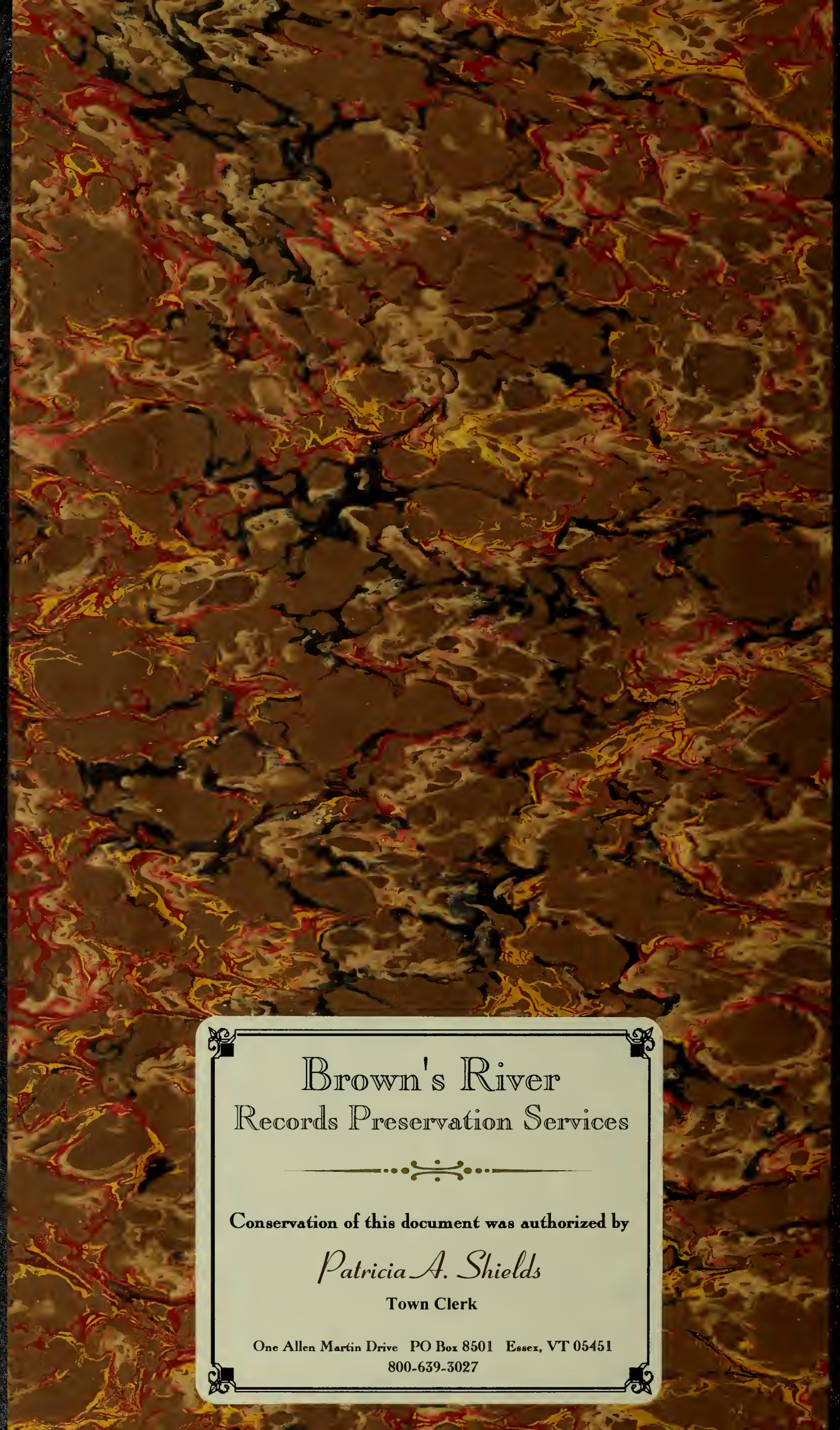

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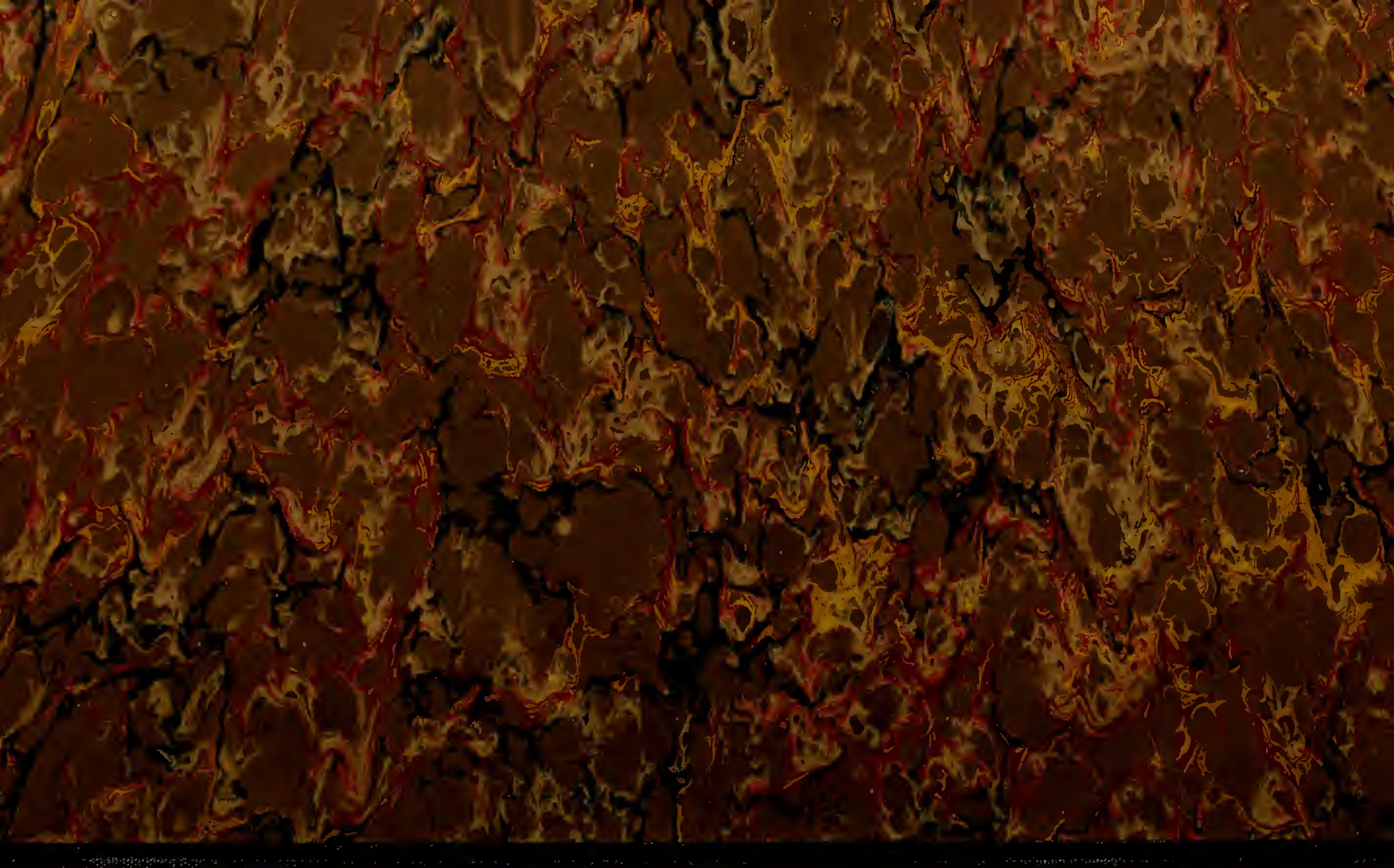

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Book 2.

3d Town Meeting book

Boxford October 10th 1824

I hereby certify that a certain Ram which I took up and secured yesterday, is marked with the right ear cut off and a slit in the same and a nick on the left ear, head and legs coloured with small horns.

William Peabody

The above is a true copy of the notice lodged with me by the said William Peabody.

Attest, Moses Dorman, Clerk of said Town of Boxford.

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Essex ss. To Benjamin Spafford Constable for Boxford Greeting
in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are
hereby Required forthwith to warn all the inhabitants Living
in Said town that are qualified to Vote in town meetings
to assemble at the meeting House in the first Parish of
Said town on Tewsday the twelveth day of March next at one of the
Clock in the afternoon on Said Day to act on the following articals (viz)

1ly To Choose a moderator to Regulate Said Meeting
2ly to Choose town officers for the year ensuing as the Law Directs
3ly to See if the town will Vote to Continue and Confirm the Six School
Destricts as they ware Established by the town the 10th of November 1793
and to allow the fourth and Sixth destrict thirty Pounds each for
the School houses built in them and to accept of the School house
in the third destrict for a town School house without any
Cost for S. house each of said houses to remain in the places in
which they now Stand and be improved by keeping in them the
respective destricts proportion of the town School and each of those
destricts or any persons there in are to retain the right of keeping
a private School in the aforesaid houses in any vacation of the town
School and the Selectmen be hereby directed to recieve conveyances to
the Said houses for the purpose aforesaid and to file the Same in
the Town Clarks office to give their orders on the treasurer for the aforesaid
Said Sums of 30 pounds each in favour of those persons who may Convey
S. houses or to other persons as the Conveyers may Direct to allow the first
Second and fifth destricts thirty pounds each to be paid to those destricts
or to any one of them at such time as they build and Convey to the town
as the three first mentioned School houses are to be a School house in
each of their respective destricts equal in value and convenience
to either of those now built in the fourth or Sixth
4ly to Choose a Committe to manage improve and lease the Estate
which the town hath recieved from the Hono.ble Aaron Wood Esqr and
to take any measure the town may think proper respecting Said
Estate when met.
5ly To See if the town will accept the report of the Committe
that was chosen to procure some suitable place for each School house
6ly To See if the town will vote establish the destricts in
the Second parish as they ware in 1791

7thly To see if the town will vote thirty Pounds to the owners of the school house built near Mr Aaron Perleys with their giving a lawfull title free from all incumbrances to the Town Treasurer or any other Person that the Town shall appoint

8thly To see if the town will vote Thirty Pounds to the owners of the school house built near Capt Ivory Hoveys with their giving a lawfull title of S. house

9thly To see if the town will vote that the other districts shall receive thirty Pounds a piece when they have built houses nearly equal to those that are built

10thly To see if the town will vote to mend the high ways & town roads by a Tax the present year — if so then

11thly To see what Sum of money the town will vote to raise for that purpose and what they will allow a man pr day & what for a Yoke of oxen what for a Cart & what for a Plough pr day

12thly To see if the town will vote that the Swine should go at large the present year being yoked & ringed as the Law directs

13thly To see if the town vote to allow Mr Gideon Bixby a reasonable compensation for a Road laid out and opened through his land leading from Capt Richard Peabodys to the Meeting house in the first Parish in S. Town

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings hereon to us the Subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default at the peril of the Law

Given under our hands & seal this 28 day of February 1793

Francis Perley
James Chute
Parker Shafford
Simeon Stiles
} Select-men of Boxford

In obediance to the within warrant I have Notified the within Named to meet at time and place.

Boxford March 8: 1793

Benja Shafford Constable

At a Legal Town Meeting begun and held in the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford March 12: 1793

Chose John Robinson Esqr Moderator to Regulate said meting

Chose Jonathan Wood Town Clark

It was put to vote to See if the town would act upon the third and fourth articles previous to the choice of the remainder of the town offiers and it past in the negetive

× Captr Francis Perley
× Lemuel Wood
David Kimball
× Parker Shafford
× Semion Stiles
} Select men and Assessors

James Chute
Richard Hovey
} Constables

Asa Peabody Tocasurer

Voted to act on the third & fourth articles previous to the choice of the remainder of the town offiers

Voted to Continue and Confirm the Six School Destricts as they were Established by the town the 10th of Novr 1791 and to allow the fourth and Sixth destricts thirty Pounds each for the School houses built in said Destricts and to accept the School house in the third Destrict for a town School house without any Cost for S. house each of said houses to remain in the places in which they now stand and be improved by keeping in them the respective destricts proportion of the town School and each of those Destricts or any Persons there in are to retain the right of keeping a private School in the aforesaid houses in any vacation of the town School and the Selectmen be hereby directed to receive Conveyances of the said houses for the purpose aforesaid and to file the Same in the town Clarks office to give their orders on the Treasurer for the aforesaid Sums of 30 pounds each in favour of those persons who may Convey S. houses or to other persons as the conveyers may direct to allow the first Second and fifth destricts thirty pound each to be paid to those destricts or to any one of them at such time as they may build and Convey to the Town as the three first mentioned School houses are to be a School house in each of their respective destricts equl in value and Conveniance to either of those now built in the fourth or Sixth

those persons with this mark × affixed to their names have been sworn

in favour of the above vote 89
against it 28

Voted to Chase a Committe to manage improve or Leace the farm the Honobl Aaron Esqr gave the town Chose Thomas Perley Jr Esqr John Robinson Esqr and Capt Francis Perley a Committe for the above purpose

Voted that the above Committe be Directed to take the advice of two able etorneys whether the town have a Lawfull right to give a long Leace of the farm that the Honbl Aaron Wood Esqr gave the town and lay their proceeding before the town for further direction

Voted that this meeting be Adjourned to the twenty Sixth day of this instant march at one of the Clock in the afternoon at this place

Tuesday March 26th 1793 the town met according to Adjournment and proceeded as follows

Voted to Dissmis Richard Hovey from Sarving as Constable the year prest and Chose Joseph Hovey Constable in his room

Voted to Dissmis David Kimball from Sarving as Selectmen & assessor and Chose David Kimball Jur to Sarve as 3 Selectmen & assessor in his room

Lt Jedediah Sticknee } Tything Men
Enoch Kimball }

Jacob Gould Jur } Fence Vewars
× Jacob Gould 3d }
Nathan Kimball }

× Bimsley Peabody }
Dcn Stephen Symonds } Surveyers
Richard Foster }
Dcn Moses Peabody }
+ Capt Jonathan Foster }

of

Nathan Wood } Sealor of weigts & measures
× John Dorman } Sealor of Lather

Nathl Perley }
Moses Dorman }
× Stephan Spafford } High Ways
× Semion Cole }
Daniel Peabody }

Nathan Wood } Surveyers of Plank & timber and Other Lumber
Samuel Kunnils }
Nathan Low }

× Asa Peabody } Pound Keepers
Moses Porter }

× Asa Peabod } Field Driver

Amos Perley } Hog
Benjn Spafford } Reaves
Zacheriah Bacon }

the remainder of this Meeting recorded on the next leaf

The Question was put to See if the town will Except of the Report of the Committe that was Chosen to procure Suitable places for Each School House to Stand on in the town and it past in the Negative - - - - - - - - -

Voted to pass over 6th 7th 8th and 9th articals in the warrant
Voted to Mend the High Ways and town ways by a rate the present year
Voted to raise one hundred Pound to mend the high ways & town ways the present year
Voted to alow a man 3/ per Day in working out his rates on the higway and for a Pair of oxen 2/ per Day and for a Cart 1/4 and for a plow 1/6 per Day
Voted that the Swine go at larg the present year being yocked & ring'd

Meeting Dissolved

Seal — Essex ss to Ebenezer Peabody Constable for Boxford Greeting

you are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby required forthwith to warn all the inhabitants living in Said town that are quallified to vote in any town meting to assemble and meet at the meeting house in the first Parish of Said town on monday the first day of April Next at two of the clock in the after noon on Said day to give in their Votes for a Governor Lt. Governor and Senetors and allso to give in their votes for one Representative for the first Destrict of Said Commonwealth to Represent said destrict in the Congress of the united States of America Hereof Fail not and Make return of this warrant with your doings hereon to us the subscribers at time and place as will answer your Default at the peril of the law - - -

Dated Boxford March the 21: 1793

Francis Perley
Lemual Wood
David Kimball
Parker Spafford
Simeon Stiles

Select men for Boxford

In obediance to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the town as the Law directs Ebinezer Peabody Constable

At a Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford on Monday the first Day of April 1793 ---- for the purpose of giving in their Votes for the choice of Governor Lt Governor and Senators votes for the following Persons ware given in counted and fo:ld and declaration there of made as by Constitution is Directed also votes ware given in for one representative to represent the the first Destrict of the Commonwealth of ~~the~~ Massachusetts in the Congress of the united Stats of Amarica ----

For Governor

His Excelency John Hancock Esqr 10 votes
Honbl Samuel Phillips Esqr 5
Mr Daniel Chapne ... 1

For Lt Governor

His Honour Samuel Adams Esqr 19 votes
Honbl Samuel Phillips Esqr 1

Senators

	votes
Honbl Azor Orne Esqr	23
Honbl Samuel Phillips Esqr	21
Honbl Stephan Choat Esqr	22
Honbl Theophilus Bradbary Esqr	23
Honbl Daniel Thurston Esqr	22
Honbl Nathan Dane Esqr	22
Honbl Samuel Holton Esqr	1
Israel Hutchenson Esqr	1
John Manning Esqr	1

For one Representative to Congress

	votes
Honbl Samuel Holten Esqr	31
Mr Benjamin Emerson	1

Seal

To Benjamin Shafford one of the Constables within the Town of Boxford Greeting ----

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town qualified by Law to vote in Town Meeting (viz) such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax to meet and assemble at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford on Monday the first Day of April next at three O clock in the afternoon & act on the following articles (viz) ----

1st To chose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting

2nd To see if the Town will further declare there acceptance of the generous Devise of the late Honble Aaron Wood Esqr of the improvement and income of his late Dwelling House Buildings and Lands in the Town of Boxford with his Pew in the Meeting House to be used and improved for and towards the support of a Grammer School ~~in~~ forever in this town and to chuse a Committe of three discreet persons to take the care and direction of improving or leasing out said Premises and to determin the time which such Committe now to be Chosen shall continue in office also to make any suitable recommendation and authority to the said Committe respecting such lease and improvement which shall be thought necessary and to take any other order thereon which may best answer the design of the generous Donor and promote the welfare of the town therein ----

hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings hereon to us the subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default at the peril of the Law

Dated Boxford March 26: 1793

Francis Perley
Samuel Wood
David Kimball
Parker Shafford
Simeon Stiles

Selectmen of Boxford

At a Legal Town Meeting Held in the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford April 1st 1793
Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator
Voted that this Town do further accept the generous Devise of the late Aaron Wood Esqr for the support of a Grammer School forever in this Town made in these words (viz) I give the improvment and income of my Dwelling House and all other Buildings and the improvment and income of all my Lands in said Boxford to be used and improved for and towards the support of a Grammer School forever in the said town of Boxford and the manner of improving or leasing out said premises I order to be under the care of and direction of three discreete persons Chosen by the Inhabitants of the said Town of Boxford at a Legal meeting for that purpose and said Committe to be chosen for so long time at each choice as the town shall think proper and in case of the death or removal of any or either of said Committe then another or others as case may be to be chosen at the next anual Town meeting I give the use of my Pew in the meeting house to the same purpose of my real Estate
Voted that Thomas Perley Jr Esqr John Robinson Esqr and Capt Francis Perley three discreet persons be a Committe to take the care and direction of the manner of improving or leasing out the Buildings Lands and other Estate the Town have aucepted by the generous Devise of the late Honble Aaron Wood Esqr and to continue in that office untill the town shall appount others persons to succeed them in that office
and other wise aurding to the terms of said devise

Voted that it be recommended to the said Committe and they are hereby authorized if they see fit to dispose of the aforesaid devised premises upon a long Lease reserving an anual acknowledgment and that the money to be paid for such Lease be disposed of by the Committe upon good security, made payable to to themselves or to their successors in that office each person who shall or may improve such money to be bund for the payment thereof with two sureties and it is recommended to the said Committe that they do at all times attend to the reputation and sufficiance of the persons who may become Principels or suerties for money as aforesaid and to exercise all other precautions which to them may appear necessary in extending to futurity the benevolent purposes of the Donour and they are directed to demand and receive the anual income of the Estate and Money intrusted to them as aforesaid which shall be continually applied according to the terms of the aforesaid Devise and the said Committe are directed to pay the said anual income towards the support of a Grammer School in the manner which the Inhabitants of the Town may hereafter more expressly determin

Voted that the Committe be directed to make anual reports of the situation of the aforesaid Estate committed to their care

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Seal

Essex ss To Ebinezer Peabody Constable for Boxford

Greeting in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required forthwith to warn all the inhabitants living in Said town that are qualified to Vote for a Representative and in all other town metings to assemble at the meting houfs in the first parish in Said town on thirsday the ninth day of may next at one of the Clock in the afternoon on Said day to giv in their votes for one Representative to the general Court of this Commonwealth to be holden at Boston on the Last wensday of may Next and allso to act on the following articals (viz)

1ly To Chose a Moderator to Regulate the remainder of Said inhabitants meeting

2ly to See if the town will Vote to Choose a Constable and Collector in the South Destrict in the room of Mr C. Nute

3ly to See what method the town will take to keep the Grammer School the present year in Said town ——

4ly to see if the town will Receive a Report of the Committe that ware Chosen to take the Care of the farm that the Honobl Aaron Wood Esqr bequithed to the town in Last will and tastament ——————————

5ly to See if the town will take Such measurs as to them may appear most Suitable to express their gratitude for the generous donation they have received by the last will and testament of the Honbl Aaron Wood Esqr ——————————

6ly to see if the town will open a road from the gate near Ensn Gedion Tylers over the hill by Mr Enoch Kimballs house to the road from andover to Topsfield ——————————

7ly to see what Sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay the towns Debt also to See how much they will vote to raise for Nessery Charges the present year

8ly to allow bills of Charg — hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings hereon to us the Subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default at the peril of the Law

Boxford April th 24 : 1793

Francis Derby
Lemuel Wood
David Kimball
Parker Spafford
Simeon Stiles

Selectmen of Boxford

Essex ss Boxford May 9: 1793

In obediance to the within Warrant I have warned the within named to meet at time and place — —

Ebinezer Peabody Constable

At a Legal Town Meeting Held in the Meeting House in the first parish in Boxford on May 9th 1793

The Selectmen Preside Thomas Perley Junr Esqr was unanimusly Chosen to Represent the Town at the General Court the present year Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator — —

Chose Asa Kimball Constable in the room of James Chute

Voted that the Selectmen be Directed to procure a Grammer School master to Keep a grammer school in said town said School to Begin in the first District and so on in Course till it shall go round the town as it formerly use to do

Voted to Except of the report of the Committe that was Chosen to take the Care of the farm that the Honbl Aaron Wood Esqr Bequeath to the town in his Last will and Testament

Voted to Chose a committe to agree on sum suitable method for the town to Express their gratitude for the generous Donation they have received by the Last will and tastament of the Honbl Aaron Wood Esqr

Chose Thomas Perley Junr Esqr John Robinson Esqr Capt Francis Perley Mr David Kimball Mr Nathan Andrews a Committe for the above purpose

The question was put to see if the town will open a road from the gate near Ensn Gedion Tylers a Cross the hill by Mr Enoch Kimballs house to the road Leading from Andover to Topsfield past in the Negative — —

Voted to allow John Robinson Esqr Nine Shilling for time spent as a Committee man in Leasing out the farm that the Honbl Aaron Wood Esqr gave the town

Voted to allow Capt Francis Perley one Pound five Shillings for time and money Expended as a Committe man in maging and Leasing out the farm that the Honbl Aaron Wood Esqr gave the town

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Voted to alow Thomas Perley Jur Esqr Four Pound ninteen Shillings for time spent & money Expended as one of the Committe for manigeng and leasing the Estate devised to the town by the Honobl Aaron Wood Esqr

Voted to Except of Mr Nathl Perley to sarvic as Constable in the roon of Mr Asa Kimll ---

~~Meeting Dissolved~~

Voted that the selectmen and Treasurer Lay a statement of all the Town Debts before the town for their further information

Meeting Dissolved

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report of Committe

The Committe appointed the 4th Day of December 1792 to take the care of the Intrest that the late Honourable Aaron Wood Esqr bequeathed the town untill the next anuall March Meeting have attended that sarvice and Report that they leased the Buildings to Mr Jonas Warrin for the term of Seventy six Days ending on the 12th Day of March last also the privelidg of taking four Cord of Wood from the Land at Pine Medow Mr Warrin on his Part covenented to keepe at the Barn on the Premises during the said term one Horse two oxen three Cows & fourteen sheep not make any wast of the Premices which Covenant he is Conciderd to have performed

Boxford May 9th 1793

Thomas Perley Jur
John Robinson
Francis Perley

Committe report

The Committe appointed the first day of April 1793 to take the care and direction of the manner of improving maniging and leasing out the Dwelling House the other Buildings the Lands and all other Estate the town have received by the generous Device of the Honobl Aaron Wood Esqr have attended that sarvice and ask leave to report that pursuant to the recommendation and authorities of the town and according to the discretionary trust reposed in them have proceeded to sell at Auction Leases of the Premices for the term of one thousand years from the first Day of April aforesaid which sales ware made in manner folowing (viz)

The homested containing about sixtynine Acres & ½
To Mr Parker Spafford for - - - — — -1031 Dollars
About 28 Acres of Pasture and Medow
to Mr Nathan Low for - - -466 Dito & 5/6
About 4 Acres of Medow to Lt. Thomas Emmerson for - 86 Do 5/6
About 4 Acres Medow to Mr Benjamin Spafford - - 33 Do 3/6
About 29 Acres & 3/4 of Woodland and medow
to Mr Phinehas Perley - - - - - - - 333 Do 1/6
About 6 Acres and 22 Poles of Pasture and
Woodland to Mr Benjamin Spafford — - - 86
A Pew in the Meeting House to Mr Nathan Low - - - 70
2107 D & 1/6

And the several purchasers or their Assigs haveing paid or secured the aforesaid sums have received Leases of the Premises for the term aforesaid wherein they have covenanted to pay an Anuel acknowledgment of one peney each if lawfully demanded during the said term A part of the money arising by the sales the Committe have received and emediately loaned the same the whole amount is now due by Bonds all of them bareing date the 17th of April aforesaid made payabl to the Committe or to their successors in one year from the date by the persons hereafter mentioned - - - - - - -

500 Dollars from Mr Stephan Spafford as Principal and Mr Samuel Spafford Jur & Mr Thomas Spafford as Sureties
300 Dollars from Mr Parker Spafford as Principal and Mr Nathan Kimball & Mr Samuel Kimball Jur as Sureties
600 & ½ Dollars from Mr Nathan Low as Principal Capt Richard Peabody & Mr Nathan Low Jur as Sureties
119 & ½ Dollars from Mr Benjamin Spafford as Principal Mr Joseph Spafford & Jonas Warrin a Sureties
333 & 1/6 Dollars from Mr Tyler Porter as Principal Mr William Foster & Mr Asa Barker as Sureties
100 Dollars from Mr Nathanil Perley as Principal Mr Nathanil Perley Jur & Mr Aneil Stickney as sureties
61 Dollars from Mr Aron Nelson as Principal Mr Nathanil Perley & Mr Nathan Low as sureties
70 Dollars from Mr Parker with Sureties
2107 & 1/6 Dollars

turn over

Which gives an Annual Intrest of 126 Dollars & 5/12th

The committe ware sensable that in transacting this buisness they might savid some expence by disposing of the whole Estate to one Person but ware at the same time perswaded that seting the Premices to sale in several divisions aforementioned would best accomodate a number of persons who ware willing to become purchasors and that the substantial advantage thereby arising to the town would far exceed all additional expence of partial sales and beg leave to observe that in the event they have not been disapointed — all which is humbly submitted by

Boxford May 9th 1793

Thomas Perley Jur
John Robinson
Francis Perley

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Esix ss } To Joseph Hovey Constable For Boxford — Greeting

You are hereby required to warn all the inhabitants living in said town who are qulified by law to vote in town meting to Assemble and meet at the meeting house in the first Parish in said town on Tuesday the eleventh day of June of June next at three o Clock afternoon on said day to act upon the folowing articals (viz)

First To chuse a moderator to regulate said meeting

2ly To see how much Money the town will vote to raise toward paying the town debt and all other necessary charges the present year

3ly To see if the town will vote to keep a woman school in the several destricts for so long a time this summer as they shall think proper

4ly To see if the Town will vote that the townmeetings shall be warned for the future by each Constable having a warrant } Selectmen of Boxford

Francis Perley
Lemuel Wood
David Kimball
Parker Spafford
Simeon Stiles

here of fail not but make return of this warrant with your doings to us the subscribers at time and and place as you will answer your default at the peril of the law

Boxford May th 30: 1793

By virtue of the with in warrant I have warned the inhabitants of Said town to meet at time and place

Joseph Hovey Constable

At a Legal town Meeting held in the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford June the 11: 1793

Chose Mr Lemuel Wood Moderator

Voted to pass over the Second article in the warrant

Voted to keep a woman School in the Several Destricts in Said town

Voted to raise twenty Pound for the purpose of keeping a woman Schol in the Several destricts in the town the present year

Voted that the town meetings be warned for the future by each Constables having a warrant

Meeting Dissolved

Know all all Men by these Presents that I Thomas Perley of Boxford in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman Good and sufficient causes me hereunto moving to promote the means of education within the town of Boxford aforesaid do give grant bargain convey and confirm to the said Town of Boxford a small parcel of Land in said Boxford lying near Mr Nathaniel Perleys House (whereon a School House is erected) said tract is bounded as follows (viz) Northerly and Easterly by a Stone wall that incloses my Pasture Southerly by Andover Road Westerly by Rowly Road containing about five rods be the same more or less

To have and to hold the Premises aforesaid to the said Town of Boxford for and during such a term of Time as the Town may desire the same to improve for the purpose of setting a School House thereon and I the said Thomas Perley for myself my Heirs Executors and Administrators do covenant with the said town of Boxford that I am seized in fee of the premises and that I will warrant and Defend the same unto the said Town of Boxford in manner as aforesaid In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand & Seal this twenty eighth Day of June Anno Domini 1792.

Signd seald & delivered
in presence of us

Thomas Perley Seal

Aaron Perley
Isaiah Smith

Know all Men by these presents that we the Subscribe
-rs Inhabitans of the Town of Boxford in the County of Essex
and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and being proprietors
of the School House lately built in the sixth Schol. District
in said Town in compliance with a Vote of the Town passed
at a Meeting on the 10 Day of November 1791 and further
confirmed by another Vote of the Town passed on the Eleventh
Day of March last For and in Consideration of the sum of
thirty Pounds as a full compensation for said House paid by the
said Town to us the said Subscribers and proprietors of said House
Do by these presents hereby sell and Convey unto the said Town
the School House now standing in the Sixth School District

To have and to hold use and improve by keeping a
School therein as the property of the Town forever and
that we will Warrant Secure and defend the same from
any person or persons from by or under us claiming said House
In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals
this fourth Day of July Ano Domini 1793.

Enos Runnels (seal)
Joseph Hovey (seal)
Joh Pearl (seal)
Luke Hovey (seal)
William Parker (seal)
Samuel Carlton Junr (seal)
Ebenezer Peabody (seal)
John Robinson (seal)

Comonwealth of Massachusetts } To Joseph Hovey one of the Constables
Essex ss } for Boxford Greeting.

You are hereby required to notify and warn all the free holders living in the second parish in Boxford qualified as the law directs to vote in Town meeting to assemble and meet at the meeting House in the first parish in said Town on Thirsday the nineteenth Day of this instant September at two o'Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articals (viz)

First To Chuse a Moderator to regulate said Meeting
2ly To see how much money the Town will Vote to raise towards paying the Town debt
3ly To see how much Money the town will vote to raise to defray Town Charges the present year
4ly To see if the Town will vote to except of a report of the Committe chosen to prepare a monumental stone in memory of the Honbl Aaron Wood Esqr deceast
5ly to allow bills of Charg

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings here on to us the subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default at the peril of the law

Boxford September 6: 1793

Lemuel Wood
Barker Shattuck
Simeon Stiles
} Select-men of Boxford

By order of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said parish to ... meet at time and place

Joseph Hovey Constable

Boxford September 16: 1793

At a Legal Town Meeting Held in the Meeting House in the first parish in Boxford September the 19: 1793 Chose Capt. Francis Derley Moderator

The question was put to see if the town would raise Foure hundred and fifty two pound which is the hol of the town Debt and it past in the negative.

Voted to raise two hundred pound to defray the town charges the present year

Voted to Except of a report of the Committe that was chosen to prepare a monamental stone in memory of the Honoble Aaron Wood Esqr

Meeting Dissolved

The Committe appointed to consider and report a suitable method for the Inhabitants of the Town to express their gratitude for the generous Donation they have received by the last will and testament of the Honoble Aaron Esqr have attended the service and ask leave to report as their opinion that the Inhabitants of the Town may suitably express their gratitude resulting from a reception of the generous Devise of the Honoble Aaron Wood Esqr towards the support of grammer School forever by erecting a Monument which may serve to exhibit to future ages the publick character and particuler benevolance of the Doner That the annexed Inscription be engraven upon a stone duly prepared six feet in length and three feet in breadth to be suitably elevated from the Earth supported by a Base of wrought Stone and placed in a conspicuous part of the buriing place where the deceased Benefactor was intered, which is humbly submitted by

Thomas Derley Junr
John Robinson
Francis Derley

Boxford August 23: 1793

Sacred
to the Memory of
the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq.r who suddingly expired
on the Inontieth of January MDCCLXCI.
Etatis LXXI.
He commenced
a Member of the General Court in MDCCLXII;
and dring the remainder of
his life
he enjoyed the confidence of his
Country;
being emploid in the
Houfe of representatives Senate & Conventions
of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
By a Devise
in his last Will and Testament he left
a valuable Estate
towards supporting a Grammer School forever in the
town of Boxford,
his nativ place
The inhabitants of Boxford in town Meeting assembled
on the XIX of September MDCCXCIII
to perpetuate
this act of his benevolance have erated this
Monument

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Essex ss

To Nathaniel Parley Constable for Boxford Greeting

You are here required to notify and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants living in the first Parish in the town of Boxford qualified as the Law directs to vote in town meeting to Assemble and Meet at the meeting House in said parish on Thursday the eighth day of November next at two oclock in the afternoon on said Day to act on the following articals (viz)

1st To Chose a Moderator to regulate said meeting

2ly to see if the Town will vote to Choose a Committe to prepare a monumental Stone in memory of the Honbl Aaron Wood Esqr decest agreeable to a vote passed the last Town meeting

3ly To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to employ two or more Grammer School masters through the winter season

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings hereon to us the Subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default at the peril of the Law Given under our hands 29th day of Octr 1793

Francis Perley
Samuel Wood
David Kimball
Parker Stafford
Simeon Stiles
Selectmen of Boxford

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the within named to meet at time and place.
Boxford Nov 8: 1793
Nath: Perley Constable

At a Legal Town Meeting Held in the Meeting
House in the first Parish in Boxford Nov.r 4.th 1793
Chose Mr Lemuel Wood Moderato
Voted to Choose a Committe to prepare a monume=
=ntal Stone in memory of the late Hon.ble Aaron
Wood Esq.r deceas.d
Chose Thomas Perley jun.r Esq.r Capt.n Francis Perley
and John Robinson Esq.r a Committe for the
above purpose
Voted that the Selectmen be Directed to employ
two or more grammer School masters through the
winter
Meeting Dissolved

Nov.r 5: 1793 This Day we the Subscribers Selectmen of Boxford and Rowley met at the white oak tree which is a Bound Between Ipswich and the above said towns in order to Preambulate the Line & renew the bounds between said Boxford & Rowley and proceeded as follows running from the above said white oak tree to a Button wood tree in a Swamp with Stones about it thence to a heap of Stones the westerly Side of a hill thence to a Stake and Stones the westerly Side of high hill thence to a Birch pole to Cherry tree with Stones in Thomas Perleys Land thence Crossing the the Road up a hill the North Side of said Road to a heap of Stone thence to a Stake and Stones the north side of a meadow by the upland thence to a Large red oak tree Called the three Lifters by a Large rock and where two walls meet thence to a House owned by Lieut. Benjamin Adams to the Chimney of said House thence to a Stump with Stones about it by the Edge of a meadow thence a Cross said meadow to heap of Stones the south Side of a wall by a little walnut tree thence to a Stone and Stones in the woodland then to a Large heap of Small Stones by a Pylnut Tree in Mr Moses Perleys lot a little South East from his House thence a Cross the road up the hill to a heap of Stones in a thick grove of wood - thence to a walnut Stump with Stones a bout it thence to a Large white oke tree Called Hoyers tree thence from said tree Through the westerly part of Samuel Spafords House thence to heap of Stones with Stake by Col Spafords land thence to a heap of Stone in Capt Isaac Adams land thence to Road above Solomon Coles House to a heap of Stones in the highway thence by the west Side of David Poors House up the hill to a great Stump in wall with Stones about it in which Stump is a Bound Betwee Rowley Boxford and Boxford as usd

Paul Jewett
David Nighill
Willm Shafford
Selectmen of Rowley

Jeremiah Perley
Solomon Wood
Selectmen of Boxford

Know all Men by these Presents that we Nathan Wood William Perley Francis Perley Jonathan Wood Gentlemen. Moses Wood Stephen Spofford Eliphelet Perley Yeomen all of Boxford in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts in consideration of the Priviliges granted by the Inhabitants of the aforesaid Town of Boxford at their Meeting the 12th Day of March Instant and to promote the means of education do give grant convey and confirm to the said Town of Boxford the School House that we have built in the third School District standing by Andover Road on the Southwesterly part of the Land of William Perleys aforesaid to be used and improved where it now stands for keeping the aforesaid third Districts proportion of the Town School

To have and to hold the premises aforesaid to the said Town of Boxford to their use and benifit for the purpose and in the manner aforesaid forever: and we the said Nathan Wood William Perley Francis Perley Jonathan Wood Moses Wood Stephen Spofford & Eliphelet Perley for ourselves our Heirs Executors & Administrators do covenant to and with the said town of Boxford that we are seized in fee of the Premises do warrant and Defend the same in manner aforesaid to the Town of Boxford against the Lawfull claims or demands of all persons whatsoever do hereunto set our hands & seals this twenty fifth Day of March Anno Domini 1793

Signd Seald & delivd
in presence of

Phinehas Perley

Oliver Perley

Nathan Wood
William Perley
Francis Perley
Jonathan Wood
Moses Wood
Stephen Spofford
Eliphelet Perley

Essex ss To Joseph Hovey one of the Constables of the
Town of Boxford ——— Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are
hereby required forth with to warn all the Inhabitants living in
the Second parish in said Town qualified to vote in Town meeting to
assemble and meet at the meeting in the first Parish in said Town on
Tuesday the Eleventh day of March next at one of the Clock in the
after noon on said Day to act on the following articles (viz)
1st To chuse a Moderator to regulate said Meeting ———
2dly To chuse Town officers for the year ensuing as the law directs ——
3dly To see if the Town will vote that the Swine go at large the
present year being yoked and ringed according to law ———
4dly To see if the Town will vote to mend the high ways and Town and
Town roads by a rate the present year if so then to see what sum
of money the town will vote for that purpose and what they will
allow a man pr day a yoke of oxen pr day a Cart pr day & Plow pr
day on said roads
5dly To see what sum of Money the Town will vote to raise to
pay the town debt the present year
6dly To see what sum of money the Town vote for the use of a woman
School the present year
7dly To see if the town will vote that all those persons in the Town
which have been benifited by their Averig order towards paying
their other town taxes shall pay the same in to the Town Treasurer
8dly To see if the Town will vote that the fifth District in said Town
shall draw their part of the Money that was raised for a womans
School the year past
9dly To see if the Town will vote to allow Mr Asa Peabody the cost
of an Execution which he expects will be brought against
him by Mr Abraham Tyler and what it has cost him in
defending the action brought against him by said Tyler ——
10dly To allow Bills of Charge
Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to us the
Inspectors at time and place as you will answer default under
the pain and penalty of the law

Boxford Feby 21: 1794

Francis Derby
Samuel Wood
David Kimball
Parker Shafford
Simeon Flies
} Selectmen of Boxford

By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town to meet at time & place
Boxford March 11: 1794
Joseph Hovey Constable

Boxford March 11: 1794

At a Legal Town Meeting Held in the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid day . . . . . .

Thomas Perley Esqr was Chosen moderator for s.d meeting Chose Jonathan Wood Town Clark and in open town meting was sworn to faithfull Discharg of that office

Chose
× Capt Francis Perley
× Mr Lemuel Wood
× Mr David Kimball
× Lt Moses Carlton
× Mr Parker Shaffard
} Selectmen an Assessors

Chose
× Mr Simon Stiles
Mr Samuel Chadwick
} Constables

Chose Mr Asa Peabody Treasurer

Chose
× Ens Joseph Symonds
× Mr Joseph Howey
× Mr Daniel Gould
× Mr John Taylor
} Tything men

Chose
× Mr Nathan Low
Mr Samuel Kimball
× Mr John Gidions
× Ct Richard Peabody
Dcn Stephen Symonds
× Mr Moses Wood
Mr Benjn Shaffard
Mr Nathan Andrews Jur
× Ens John Killam
× Mr Stephan Tyler
Mr Israel Addams
Lt Ebenezer Peabody
Mr Jeremiah Herriman
Mr Thomas Chadwick
} Surveyors of High Ways

Chose
Mr John Herrick
Mr Gidion Bixby
} Hay reaves

Mr Daniel Chapman
Mr Samuel Kimball
Mr Bradstreet Tyler
Capt Jonathan Foster

Chose
× Capt Richard Peabody
× Mr Moses Kimball
× Mr Richard Foster
} Fence Vewers

Chose
Mr Nathan Wood Sealer of Weights and measures

Chose
Mr Aaron Perley
× Dcn Stephen Symonds
Jonathan Wood
} Surveyers of Plank and other Lumber

Mr Samuel Carlton Jr

Chose
Mr Asa Peabody
Mr Moses Porter
} Pound Keepers

Chose
× Ens Joseph Symonds
Mr Amos Kimball
} Fence Viewers

Those Person with this × mark against their names have been sworn

The Remainder of this Meting is Recorded on the Next Leaf

Voted that the swine go at Large the present year being yoched & ringed as the Law directs

Voted to mend the high ways by a rate the Present year

Voted to Raise Eighty Pounds to mend the Highways & Town ways the present year

Voted to allow a man 3' Shillings pr Day in working out his rates on the high ways to allow 2/ a day for a pair of oxen to allow 1/6 a day for a Cart and to allow 2/ Shilling for a plow pr Day

Voted to Raise Six hundred and fifty Pound towards Paying the town Debt the present year

Voted to Raise twenty Pound for the purpose of keeping a woman Schoo the present year

Voted to pass over the Seventh artical in the warrant

Voted allow the fifth School District their proportion of the twenty Pound that raise for the purpose of keeping a woman schoo the Last year

Voted to allow Mr Peabody the Cost of an Excicution which he Executed Abraham Tyler to bring against him and what it has cost him to Defend the action brought against him by said Tyler

Meeting Dissolved

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Seal

Essex ss

To Joseph Hovey a Constable of the Town of Boxford in said County —— Greeting

You are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directed to give notice unto Abigil Atwood of Boxford in the County of Essex Single woman who has lately come into this Town for the purpose of abideing therein not having obtained the Towns Consent thereof that she depart the limits thereof within fifteen days —— And of this precept with your doings thereon you are to make return into the office of the Clark of the Town within twenty Days next coming that such further proceedings may be had in the premises as the law directs Given under our hands and seals at Boxford aforesaid this twentieth Day of February Anno Domini 1794

Francis Perley
Lemuel Wood
David Kimball
Parker Shafford
Simeon Stiles
} Selectmen of Boxford

Boxford February 23: 1794

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified &c and warned the within named to depart the limets of said town without delay with in fifteen Days ——

Joseph Hovey Constable

Essex ss

To Joseph Hovey a Constable of the Town of Boxford in said County — Greeting you are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directed to warn and give notice unto John Curtice of Anover in the County of Essex Cordwinder who has lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding there in not having obtained the Towns consent therefore that he depart the limmits thereof within fifteen days.
And of this precept with your doings thereon you are to make return into the Office of the Clark of the Town within twenty days next coming that such further proceedings may be had in the premises as the law directs
Given under our hands and seals at Boxford aforesaid this twentieth Day of February Ano Domini 1794

Francis Perley
Lemual Wood
Davis Kimball
Parker Spafford
Simeon Stiles
} Selectmen of Boxford

Boxford February 22: 1794

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and warned the within named to depart the limits of said Town with in fifteen days

Joseph Hovey Constable

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Ess.— } To Nathanil Perley one of the Constables of the Town of Boxford — Greeting

You are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants living in the first Parish in Boxford who are qualified as the Constitution directs to vote for a Governor Lt Governor an Senators and all other Inhabitants qualli= =fied as the Law directs to vote in Town meeting to assemble and meet at the meeting house in the first Parish in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of April next at two of the Clock in the afternoon then and their to give in their votes for a Governor Lt Governor and Senators Also to wait upon the following articals (viz)

First To Chuse a Moderator to regulate the remainder of said meeting

2.y To see if the Town will vote to give directions to the Committe chosen to take care of the donation of the Honl: Aron Wood Esqr respecting paying out the money Arising by said donation

3.y To see if the Town will accept of some suitable Person to serve as Constable in stead of Samuel Chadwick

Here of fail non but make return of this warrant with your doings there on to us the Subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default at the peril of the Law

Boxford March 19: 1794

Francis Perley
Samuel Wood
David Kimball
Moses Carlton
Parker Shaffford

} Selectmen of Boxford

By virtue of the within warrant I have Notified the within named to meet at time and place ---

Boxford March 31st: 1794 Nath.l Derley Constable

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and warnd the inhabitants of the second Parish at time and place

Boxford April 7: 1794 Joseph Hovy Constable

At a Legal Town Meeting Held in the meeting House in the First Parish in Boxford April 7: 1794
For the Purpose of giving in their votes for governor Lt. governor and Senators Votes for the following Persons ware given in Counted & sorted and Decleration there of as by Constitution Directed

For Governor

	votes
Hon.bl William Cushing Esqr	10
Hon.bl Samuel Adams Esqr	7
Hon.bl Samuel Phillips Esqr	4
Hon.bl Francis Dana Esqr	1
Hon.bl James Sullivan Esqr	2

Lt. Governor

Hon.bl Samuel Adams Esqr	21
Hon.bl Samuel Phillips Esqr	1

Senators

	votes
Hon.bl Azor Orn Esqr	23
Hon.bl Stephan Choat Esqr	22
Hon.bl Samuel Phillips Esqr	22
Hon.bl Theophilus Bradbary Esqr	22
Hon.bl Nathan Dane Esqr	23

Chose Mr Parker Spafford Moderator for said meting
Voted that the Committe chosen to take the care and direction of the manner of improving or leasing out the buildings Lands & other Estate the Town have accepted by the generous Device of the late Hon.bl Aron Wood Esqr Be and they hereby are directed to pay the income of said Estate annually as every year into the Town Treasurer taking duplicate receipts therefor one of which to be lodged with the Selectmen who are hereby directed to appropriate all sums of money so paid and received according to the terms of said Device.
Voted to Except of Joseph Hovey to Serve as Constable in the room of Samuel Chadwick

Meeting Dissolved

The Committe for taking care improving leasing & manniging the Estate Devised by the Hon^{bl} Aaron Wood Esqr ask leave to report that the Sum of 2107 Dollars & 1/4 of a Dollar being the Principle of the Bonds mentiond in a report the 9th of May 1793 is now due from the Severel persons as therein stated excepting in two Instances (viz) the Sum of Seventy Dollars is transfered from Mr Parker Shafford to Mr Luke Hovey as Principle with John Robinson Esqr & Nathan Kimball as Sureties also the Sum of one Hundred Dollars is transfered from Mr Tylar Porter to Mr Nathan Robinson as Principle with John Robinson Esqr & Isaac Barker as Sureties on the 16th of April 1794 the Committe received the Sum of one hundred and twenty six Dollars one third & eight Cents being one Years Intrest of the Principle Sum afore mentioned which Intrest agreable to the order of the Town was on the 22nd of the same month ~~fair~~ placed in the Treasury. All which is humbly submitted by

Boxford May 15th 1794

Thomas Berby Ju^{r})
Francis Berby (Committe.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Essex ss.

To Simeon Stiles one of the Constables for the Town of Boxford Greeting

You are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants living in the first Parish in said Town who are qualified as the Constitution Directs to vote in the choice of Representatives and all other Inhabitants qualified as the Law directs to vote in Town meeting to assemble and meet at the meeting house in said first Parish on Thursday the fifteenth day of May Instant at three of the Clock in the afternoon to Choose some suitable Person to represent the Town in the general Court to be holden at the State house in Boston on the last wensday of this present May — and also to act on the following articals (viz.)

First To Choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting

2ly To see if the Town will vote to receive a report from the Committe who were chosen to take the care of the Donation of the late Honble Aaron Wood Esqr

3ly To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to lay out a Road agreeable to the petition of Amos Stowan & others

here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings hereon to us the subscribers at time and place as you would avoid the penalty of the Law — —

Boxford May 5th: 1794

Francis Perley
Lemuel Wood
David Kimball
Moses Carlton
Parker Spafford
} Selectmen of Boxford

In obedience to the with in warrant I have Notified and warned all the with in named Inhabitants to appear at time and place

Boxford May 15: 1794

Simeon Stiles Constable

At a Legal Town Meeting Held in the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford May the 5th 1794 the Selectmen Presided Thomas Perley Esqr was unanimosly Chosen to represent the town at the General Court the ensuing year

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator to regulate the remainder of Said Meeting

Voted to Excuse of a part of the Committe that ware Chosen to take the care of the Donation of the Late Honoble Aaron Eqr

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to examin the Records of Rowly to see whether there is any Road Granted by Mr Abraham Tylers Prayers for by Elnor Stevens and others and that they use their endevours to have Petitioners & the publick accomidated with a Suitable Road by Capt Adams and Report at September meeting

Meeting Dissolved

A division of fence on the Deviding Line Between Mr Jacob Andrews of Boxford and Mr Simon Gould Jur of Topsfield made us the Subscribers as fence vewers this 12 Day of May 1794 Firstly Mr Jacob Andrews is to Due beginning at a Stake & stones Northwest from his house Runing eastwardly and make up and maintain twenty eight rods & Eighteen Links to a Stake and stones at the Corner of Elijah Goulds Land so on against Mr Elijah Goulds Fourty one rods & 31 links then Beginning Near to Mr Simon Goulds watering Place Runing Southwestwardly to a Stake & Stones 16 Rods & 22 Links

Richard Peabod } Fence
Richard Foster } vewers for Boxford

A Division of fence on the dividing Line Between Mr Simon Gould Jur of Topsfield and Mr Jacob Andrews of Boxford made by us the Subscribers as fence vewars this 12 Day of May 1794

1ly Mr Simon Gould is to Due. beginning at a Stake & stone at the Corner of Mr Nathaniel Smiths field & Runs Eastwardly 32 Rods & one Link and half to a Stake & Stones Then Begining at a Stake & Stones on the Line Between Topsfield and Boxford & Runs Northeastwardly 14 Rods & 21 Links Likewise from Said Goulds watering place one Rod & two which Mr Gould is to make up & maintain

Richard Peabody } Fence
Richard Foster } vewars for Boxford

A division of fence on the Dividing line Between Mr Elijah Gould of Topsfield and Jacob Andrews of Boxford made by us the Subscribers as fence vewars this 12 Day of may 1794

Elijah Gould is to make up and maintain a Lawfull fence against Jacob Andrews 22 rods & 14 Links Begining at a Stake and Stones at the East end of Mr Andrews Division and runs to a Stake & Stones near Mr Simon Goulds watering Place

Richard Peabody } Fence
Richard Foster } vewars for Boxford

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Ess^t. } To Simeon Stiles one of the ~~Boxford~~ Constables of Boxford Greeting

You are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants living in the first Parish in said Town who are Qualified as the Law direct to Vote in Town meeting to assemble and meet at the meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on thursday the fourth Day of September next all three o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articals (viz)

first to Choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting

2^ly To see how much money the Town will vote to raise to Defray the Charges of the Town the present year

3^ly To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to take a Plan of the Town agreable to a resolve of the General Court passed June last

4^ly To see if the town will allow Mr Tyler Porter for what land appears to fall short of what is specified in his leave of land belonging to the Estate of the late Honble Aaron Wood Esqr or take any other measures respecting a Settlement with S^d Porter that the Town shall think best when Conveand

5^ly To see the Town will Except of road layid out by the Selectmen from Capt. Adams's Barn to rowly line

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings therein to us the subscribers at time and place as you will answer your Default at the peril of the Law

Boxford August 11:1794 Francis Perley
Lemual Wood
Moses Carlton
Parker Shafford } Selectmen of Boxford

Agreeable to the request of this warrant I have notified and warned all the within named inhabitants to meet at time and place

Boxford September 4:1794 Simeon Stiles Constable

Boxford September 4: 1794

At a Legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting House in the First Parish in said Town on the afore said Day

Chose Mr Samuel Wood Moderator

Voted to raise one Hundred and Sixty Pounds to Defray the Town Charges the Present year

Voted that the Committe who in the Case of Leasing out the Estate that the Hon.t Simon Wood Esq.r gave the town be impowered to Settle with Mr Tyler Porter who purchased some part of the Land as it appears to fall short in the measure of what it was estimated at and to report at Next may meeting

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first monday in November next at three oclock in the afternoon

Monday November 3: the Town met according to adjournment

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the Second Tuesday in March next at three oclock in the afternoon

Tuesday March 10: 1795 the Town met according to Adjournment Voted that this meeting be adjourned into the April Meeting

April 6: 1795 the town Met according to adjournment

Voted that this meeting be Adjourd into the may meeting

May 6: 1795 the Town met according to adjournment.

Voted to Except of the road Laid out by the Selectmen from Capt Isaac Adams barn to Rowly Line

Voted that this meeting be adjourned into the next Town meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Essex ss. } To Simeon Stiles one of the Constables of Boxford Greeting

You are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants living in the first Parish in said town who are qualified as the Law directs to vote in Town meeting to assemble and meet at the Meeting house in ~~the~~ the first Parish in said Town on weadnsday the 17th day of September instant at two oClock in the afternoon on said day then and their to act upon the following articals (viz)

First To Choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting

2ly To feel what encouragement the Town will vote those men who are to be detached from the Militia of said town agreable to General orders of the Sixth of June last Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us the subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default at the Peril of the Law

Dated Boxford Septem^{r} 13th 1794.

} Selectmen of Boxford

Francis Perley
Lemuel Wood
David Kimball
Moses Carlton
Parker Spafford

In obediance to the within warrant I have Notified and Warned the within named to meet at time and place

Boxford Septem^{r} the 17: 1794

Simeon Stiles Constable

At a Legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting house in the first Parish in Boxford September the 17: 1794 Chose Capt Francis Derby Moderator

Voted that those men that are to be Detached from the militia of this Town be made up Eight Dollars per month including what they shall receive from the Continant when Ever they shall be called into actual Service & two Dollars to Each man as a Bounty when he shall be inrolled in the Continental Service

Previous vote

Voted that the men that are Detached from the militia of this town be Paid tow Dollars to Each morn out of the town Treasurer when Ever they are inroled

Meeting Dissolved

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Essex ss

To Joseph Hovey Constable for Boxford ——— Greeting

You are by required to warn all the Inhabitants in the first parish in Boxford that are qualified to vote in any town meeting to assemble and meet at the Meeting House in the first parish in Boxford on monday the third day of November next at two o Clock in the afternoon on said day to give in their votes for one Representative to Congress and also to Act on the following articals (viz)

Firstly To chase a Moderator to regulate the remainder of said Meeting.

2 ly To see if the Town will Vote that two fifth of the Town Meetings shall be held in the second parish in said Town for the term of twenty Years agreable to a requst from Joseph Hale and others.

Here of fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings hereon to us the subscribers at time and place as will answer your Default at the peril of the Law

Boxford October 6th: 1794

Francis Perley
Samuel Wood
David Kimball
Moses Carlton
Parker Spafford
} Selectmen of Boxford

Boxford November 3: 1794

At a Legal Town Meeting held in the meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on the aforesaid day for the purpose of giving in their votes for one Representative to Congress the Selectmen presided

Votes for the following Persons are given in Counted Sorted and Declaration there of made as by Law required

Honble Theophilus Bradbury Esqr 9

Honble Baly Bartlet Esqr 7

Chose Mr Lemuel Wood Moderator

Voted pass over the second article in the warrant

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Essex ss. } To Simeon Stiles Constable Greeting

You are hereby ordered forthwith to notify and warn all the Inhabitants living in the First Parish in Boxford qualified to vote for Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth and all Town meeting to Assemble and meet at the meeting house in the first Parish in said Town on Monday the Twelfth Day of January Next at two o'Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for one representative that is an Inhabitant of the said District to represent them in the Congress of the United States

2 ly To Choose a Moderator to regulate the remainder of s: meeting

3 ly To see if the Town will Direct the Selectmen to Diler the town tax they Lately Assessed to the Collectors in-less they agree with them to Collect the same or to take any method the town think when met Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us the subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default at the peril of the Law

Dated Boxford Decem: 31: 1794

Francis Derby
Lemuel Wood
David Kimball
Moses Carlton
Parker Shaffford
} Selectmen of Boxford

In obediance to the within Warrant I have notifyed, and warned the within named Inhabitants to appear at time and place

January 12: 1795 Simeon Stiles Constable

At a Legal Town Meeting Held in the meeting house in the First Parish in Boxford January 12: 1795 for the Purpos of giving in their votes for one representative that is an inhabitant of the S. District to Represent them in the Congress of the United States

Votes for the following Persons ware given in Counted & sorted and Decleration there of made as by Law raquired (viz)

Honobl. Theophilus Bradbury Esqr 16

Honobl Baly Barttet Esqr - - 5

Chose Mr David Kimball Moderator for the remainder of s meeting

The question was put to see if the town will allow the Collectors four pence on the pound for Collecting the Town tax lately Assesst past in the negetive

Voted that the Selectmen be Directed to commit the town tax lately Assessed to the Collectors on condition that the town pay them three pence on the pound for Collecting

Meeting Dissolved

Essex ss To Joseph Hovey one of the Constables of Boxford Greeting You are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directed to warn and give notice unto Jacob Parker of Boxford Labourer who has lately come into this Town for the purpose of residing there in not having obtained the Towns consent therefore that he Depart the limits there of with his wife Sarah and their Children within fifteen days and of this precept with your doings thereon you are to make return into the office of the Clark of the town within twenty days next coming that Such further Proceedings may be had in the

Premices as the Law directs given under our hands and Seal at Boxford aforesaid this twentyeth day of February Anno Domini 1795

Francis Perley
Lemuel Wood
David Kimball
Moses Carlton
Parker Spafford

Selectmen of Boxford

Boxford February 21: 1795

By virtue of the within warrant Inclosed the within named persons to depart the limits of said town in fifteen days without Delay

Joseph Hovey Constable

Commonwealth } To Simeon Stiles Constable
o Massachusetts } for Boxford Greeting
Esix ss

You are hereby required forthwith to warn all the inhabitants of the town of Boxford living in the first parish of S. town that are quallified to vote in town meetings to assemble at the meeting house in the first Parish of Said town on tuesday the tenth day of March Next at one of the Clock in the afternoon on Said Day to act on the following articals (viz) — — —

1ly To Choose a Moderator Preside at Said Meeting

2ly to Choose town officers for the year ensuing as the Law Directs

3ly to see if the town will vote to mend the high ways and town Roads by a rate the present year if so then to see what Sum of money the town will Vote for that purpose and how much they will allow a man pr Day a yoke of oxen pr day a Cart pr day and plow pr day on said Roads

4ly to see if the town will vote that the swine Shall go at large the present year being yoked & ringed as the Law directs

5ly to see if the town vote that the money that is Voted to mend the high ways and town roads shall be assessed with the other town Charges and if any person shall procure a Cartificate from the Surveyer that they have worked out their Rates on said roads that Cartificate shall be received in pay for his town tax if not they Shall be held to pay the full Sum in Cash to the Collector — — — —

6ly to see what sum of money the town will vote for the use of schooling the present year and what sum they will apply for a womans school

7ly to see if the town will vote to accept of a School house built in the first Destrut agreeable to a vote passed March 12th: 1793

8ly to allow bills of Charge — — — — — — —

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your Doings here on to us the subscribers at time and place as you will answer your Default a the peril of the Law

Dated Boxford February 20: 1795

Francis Perley
Lemuel Wood
David Kimball
Moses Carlton
Parker Spafford
} Selectmen of Boxford

Inobediance to the within warrant I have Notified and warned all the within named Inhabitants to assemble at time and place

Simeon Stiles Constable

Boxford March 10: 1795

Boxford March 10: 1795

At a Legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting house in the First Parish in said town on the day affore said Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator and the ~~fout~~ following Persons were Chosen town officers for the insuing year

Jonathan Wood Town Clark

Capt Francis Perley
× John Tyler
× Ch David Kimball
× Samuel Chadwick
Moses Dormon
} Selectmen and Assessors

× Benjamin Spafford
~~Aaron Perley~~
David Kimball
} Constables

Asa Peabody } Treasurer

Jacob Gould Jr

Simon Stiles
× Jeremiah Foster
John Gould
Phinehas Perley
× Joshua Jackson
Israel Herrick
~~Moses Wood~~
Elphelet Perley
Gideon Bixby
Israel Foster
Rubin Gragg
Lemuel Wood
Simeon Cole
John Robinson Esqr
} Surveyers of Hog Keys

Lt Joseph Symonds
Bimsly Peabody
Jacob Andrews
} Hog

Nathanil Perley
Luke Hovey
Stephen Tyler
} Reaves

× Ancil Stickney
Richard Foser
× Nathan Kimball
} Fence vewers

Nathanil Perley
Samuel Cartlon Jr
} Surveyers of Plank & other Lumber

Asa Peabody
Moses Porter
} Pound Keepers

David Kimball
Luke Hovey
} Sealers of Lather

John Stiles
Lt Ebinezer Peabody
} Field Drivers

Edmund Herrick
John Hovey
Lt Jedediah Stickney
Nathan Kimball
} Tythingmen

Those Persons with × this × mark against their names have been sworn

The remainder of this meeting record on other the Side of the Leaf

Voted to mend the high Ways and town roads by a rate the present year

Voted to Raise Eighty Pounds to mend the high ways and town roads the present year

Voted to allow a man 3/6 Shilling per day 2/6 Shillings per Day for a yoke of oxen 2/6 Shillings per day for a Cart 2/6 Shillings a Day for a Plow

Voted that the Swine go at Large the present year being yoked and ringed as the Law Directs

Voted that the money that is voted to mend the high ways and town roads Shall be assessed with the other town Charges and if any person Shall procure a Certificate from the Surveyer that they have worked out their Rates on Said roads that Certificate Shall be Received in pay for his town tax if not they Shall be held to pay the full Sum in Cash to the Collector

Voted to Raise Sixty five pound for the purpose of Schooling the present year - Twenty five pound of which is to be laid out in a woman School

Voted to Except of the School House built in the first District in said town agreeable to a vote past March 12: 1793

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned into the next town Meeing Monday March 23: 1795 the Town met according to Adjournment

Voted to allow Mr Asa Peabody Nine Pound for Serving Treasurer three years

Voted to allow Ensr John Killam one of the Surveyers of high ways two pound fourteen Shillings & three pence for the Extraordinary Cost in Repairing the fishing Brook Bridge Between Boxford & Topsfield

Voted to Dismiss David Kimball from serving Constable the present year

Chose Nathan Kimball to serve as Constable the present year

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in april at three o'clock in the after noon

April 6 the Town met according to adjournment

Voted to Dismis Moses Wood from serving surveyer of high ways & Chos Elisha Perley to serve in his room

Voted to Except of Benjamin Spafford to serve as Constable in the room of Aaron Perley the present year

Meeting Dissolved

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Essex ss } To Simeon Stiles Constable For Boxford Greeting

You are hereby required to warn all the inhabitants of S.d town living in the first Parish that are qualified to vote For a Representative and all other town metings to meet at the meeting house in the first Parish of said town on monday the twenty third day of march instant at two of the Clock in the after noon on said day to give in their votes for one Representative to represent them in the Congress of the united States of america and also to act on the following articals (viz)
To Choose a moderator to Govern the remainder of said meting to see if the town will appoint some Suteble persons in behalf of said town to meet a Courts Committe that were appointed to veu a way from andover Road a Croft by Abraham Tylers to Boxford road

Here of fail non and make return of this warrant with your doings here on to us the subscribers at time and place as you will answer your Default at the peril of the Law

Dated Boxford March 13: 1795

Francis Derby
John Tyler
David Kimball
Jaam.l Chadwick
Moses Dorman
} Selectmen of Boxford

In obediance to the with in warrant I have Notified the within named inhabitants to meet at time & place.

Simeon Stiles Constable

At a Legal Town Meeting held in the Meting house in the first Parish in Boxford March 23: 1795
For the purpose of Giving in their votes for one Representatur to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America
Votes for the following Person was given in Counted and sorted and Declaration there of made as law required
Honobl. Theophilus Bradbury 21 vote
Chose Thomas Pearson Esqr. Moderator
Voted to Choose a Committe to Meet a Court Committe Appointed to view a way from Andover road a Croft by Abraham Tylers to Bradford road
Chose Mr. Nathan Andrews Capt. Jonathan Foster Aza Peabody Moses Dorman and John Robinson Esqr a Committe for the above purpos
Meting Dissolved

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Essex ss } To Simeon Stiles Constable for Boxford Greeting

You are hereby required forthwith to warn all the Inhabitants living in the first Parish in said town who are qulified to vote for a Representative to the general Court of this Commonwealth to assemble at the meeting house in the first Parish in said town on Monday the sixth day of April next at two O'clock in the after = noon on said day to give in their votes for a Governor Lieu.t Governon and Senators and to act on the following articals (viz)

1st To choose a Moderator to regulate the remainder of said meting
2d To see if the Town will Direct the Selectmen to alias the road from Moody Perley to Benjamin Emerson the present year

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your Doings hereon to us the subscribers at time and place a you will answer your Default at the peril of the Law

Dated Boxford March 26: 1795

Francis Perley
John Tyler
David Kimball
Jam.s Chadwick
Moses Dorman
} Select men of Boxford

Agreeable to a regne.t in this Warrant I have Notified the within named Inhabitants to assemble and met at time and place

Simeon Stiles Constable

At a Legal Town Meeting held in the meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford April 6: 1795 for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Lt Governor and Senators votes for the following Persons were given in Counted and Sorted and Declaration thereof made as by Constitution Directed

for Governor

	votes
His Excel.y Samuel Adams Esqr	8
Hon.ble Samuel Phillips Esqr	6
Hon.ble Elbridg Gerry Esqr	1

for Lt. Governor

	votes
Hon.ble Moses Gill Esqr	12

Senators

	votes
Hon.ble Samuel Holten Esqr	13
Hon.ble Azor Orn Esqr	12
Hon.ble Samuel Phillips Esqr	12
Hon.ble Stephen Choat Esqr	12
Hon.ble Nathan Dane Esqr	11
Hon.ble Samuel Swet Esqr	11
Daniel Killam	2

Chose Capt Francis Derby Moderator Meeting Dispersed

Taken up by Samuel Kimball of this town in his inclosure Damage Peasant a Stray Horse of a Light read Colour with Dark Main and tail white Star or Blaze in his Forehead light Coulured Legs appears to be about Twelve years Old Trots well whoever has lost said Hors is requested to call on the Subscriber, who is ready and willing to deliver said horse to the proper owner he proving his property and Paying Charges

Samuel Kimbal

Boxford April 11: 1795

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Essex ss } To Benjamin Spafford Constable for Boxford Greeting ---

You are hereby ordered forthwith to warn all the inhabitants living in the first Parish of s^d Boxford that are qualified to vote ~~in town~~ for a representative and all other town meetings to assemble at the meeting house in the first parish of s^d Town on wednesday the sixth day of may next at two of the Clock in the afternoon on s^d day for the purpose of Collecting their sentiments on the necessity or Expediancy of revising the Constitution in order to amendments and also to act on the following articals (viz)

1ly to Choose a moderator to regulate the proceedings of said meeting

2ly to appoint some sutible person to represent s^d Town at the General Court of this Commonwealth to be holden at Boston on the last wednesday of may next ---

3ly to see if the town will appoint a Committe on their part to meet a Courts Committe that are appointed to vew a way prayed for by Ens^n Gideon Tyler and others from Capt Isaac Adams Barn to the road near William Spaffords agreeable to request from Parker Spafford and others ---

4ly to see if the town will ~~[illegible]~~ accept the report of the Committe appointed to take the Care and Direction of the manner of improving and maniging the Estate devised to the town by the Hon^ll Aaron Wood Esqr and for Erecting a monument in testimony of his benifisence ---

5ly to see if the town will vote that the selectmen shall give m^r Nathan Andrews jun^r an order of thirty Pounds for the school House he has built in the first Destrict in s^d town ---

6ly to see if the town will vote to open the road from the Popler tree by Edmund Fe[illegible] John Gibsons & others to the widow Elizabeth Andrewses agreeable to a request from Richard Foster and others

7ly to see if the town will Choose a Constable in the North Destrict

8ly to see if the town accept of the road as it now goes from Benjamin Emerson to Moses Perley. Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings here on to us the subscribers at time and place as you will answer your Default at the peril of the Law

Francis Perley
David Kimball
Sam^ll Chadwick
Moses Dorman
} Selectmen of Boxford

Boxford April 24 1795

At a Legal Town Meeting Held in the meeting house in the first Parish in Boxford May 6: 1795
for the purpose of taking the sentiments of the town on the Necessity and Expediancy of revising the Constitution of this Commonwealth the Number of votes for & against yeas none Nays 30 Chose Thomas Perley Esqr to Represent the town in the General Court the Present year ——
Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator for the remainder of the meeting
Voted to Choose a Committe to meet a Courts Committe that are appointed to vew a way prayed for by Ensn Gideon Tyler and others from Capt Isaac Adams Barn to the Road near William Spafford Authorising and Directing the Committe to take such measures as they may judge most for the benifit of the town with respect to said also that the same Committe be Directed to make such such arangments as to them may appear most advantagous to the town for widening and Adjusting all matters relating to the road from Capt Adams Barn to the School House near Capt Jonn Fosters ——
Chose Mr Nathan Andrews Capt Jonathan Fosters John Robinson Esqr Mr Nathanl Perley and Mr John Tyler a Committe for the above purpos ——
Voted to Except of the report of the Committe appointed to take the Care and Direction of the manner of improving and maniging the Estate divised to the town by the Honbl Aaron Wood Esqr ——
Voted that the selectmen Give Nathan Andrews Esqr an order of thirty Pounds for the School House he has built in the first Destrict in said town ——
Voted to open the road from the Popler tree by Edmund Herricks John Gideons and others to the widow Elizbeth Andrews after the Expiration of two years from the first Day of April 1795
Chose Luke Hovey Constable in the North Destrict
Voted to pass over the Eighth Artical
meting Dissolved

The Committe appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving manning and Leasing the Lands and other Estate Divised to the Town by the Honourable Aaron Esqr towards the Support of a Grammer School and also to prepare a Monument to perpuate his Benifitance Ask Leave to report that pursuant to the Direction of the Town that from the Principal Mr Tyler Porters Bond they have made a Reduction of forty five dollars and ninety two Cents on account of the Land which was Leased to him taking that in the measure 4 acres & eighteen pole this Reduction taking place on the 17th of April 1794 reduced the Principle of the Bonds in the hands of the Committe from 2107 Dollars and 24 Cents to the sum of 2061 Dollars and 33 Cents giving an annual Intrest of 123 Dollars and 67 Cents which sum was readyly paid to the Committe at their anniversary Meeting on the 17th of April last from which was deducted and paid to Mr Tyler Porter 2 Dollars and seventy five Cents being a discount of the same sum re-paid as Intrest in April 1794 on the sum above deducted the remainder of the Intrest being 120 Dollars & 92 Cents on the 18th of April last was placed in the Treasurey the Existing Principle as above stated is Rec'd and Secured by Bond in manner following (viz)

Dollars	Cents	
623	54	By Mr Nathan Low his Securities Capt Kimball Peaboody & Mr Nathan Low 2nd
500	---	By Mr Stephen Shafford his Securities Mr Samuel Shafford Jun & Mr Thomas Shafford
100	--	By Mr Nathaniel Perley his Securities Mr Nathaniel Perley 2nd and Mr Jonas Stickney
119	54	By Mr Benjamin Shafford his Securities Mr Joseph Shafford & Mr Jonas Warren
61	--	By Mr Aaron Nelson his Securities Securities Mr Nathaniel Perley & Mr Nathan Low
1704	8	carried over

Dollars	cents	brought over
704	8	
100	--	By Mr Nathan Robinson his Suerties John Robinson Esqr Mr Aron Robinson
70	--	By Mr Luke Hovey his Suerties John Robinson Esqr & Mr Nathan Kimbal
187	25	By John Robinson Esqr his Suerties Mr Isaac Barker & Mr Aaron Robinson
961	33	Sum total two thousand sixty one Dollars and thirty three Cents bearing Intrest from the 17th Day of April 1794 untill paid

The Committe have not prepared the monument some persons having thought that a Tomb Stone in manner directed by the town is not so eligible as a Diller which will better stand the test of time the Committe are inclined to be of the same opinion perswaded that the will prefer that from which may be judged most elegant and durable do now recomend that the proposed altaration be made provided the Committe after consulting a proper Workman shall find that it will be most desireable

All which is submitted by

Thomas Derley Jur
John Robinson
Francis Derley

Boxford May 6th 1795

This Indenture made this twenty third day of April
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety
five between Stephen Symonds of Boxford in the County
of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman
of one part and the Town of Boxford aforesaid on the other
part witnesseth that the said Stephen Symonds
for love and good will and other good causes him hereunto
moving hath granted demised and leased and by these
Presents doth grant demise and lease to the said Town of
Boxford a small parcel of land in said Town (lying near
the said Stephen Symonds dwelling house) on which the
School house in the first district in said Town is erected
for so long a term of time as the said House shall
be improved for the use of schooling or for so long a time
as the land may be useful for the above purpose if it
should be thought expediant to erect another on said
land

Signed & Sealed
in presence of us
Nathan Andrews
Sally Symonds.

Stephen Symonds + + + + seal + + + + +

Know all men by these Presents that I Nathan Andrews Jun.
of Boxford in the County of Essex and Commonwealth
of Massachusetts yeoman being the sole proprietor of
the School House lately built in the first school
district in said town in compliance with a vote of the
Town passed at a meeting on the tenth day of November
1791 and further confirmed by another vote of the Town
passed on the Eleventh day of March last for and in the
consideration of the sum of Fifty Pound as a full compen-
sation for said house paid by the said Town to me the subscriber
and proprietor of said House doth by these presents
hereby sell and convey to the said town the school house
now standing in the first school district

To have and to hold use and improve by keeping
a school therein as the property of the town forever
and that I will warrant secure and defend the
same from any person or persons from by or under
me claiming said House In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty third
day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred and ninety five

Signed and Sealed
in presence of us
Nathan Andrews
Judah Stiles

Nathan Andrews Jun

Essex ss Commonwealth of Massachusetts } To Benjamin Spafford Constable for Boxford Greeting

You are hereby required forthwith to warn all the Inhabitants living in the First parish in said town who are qualified to vote in town meeting to meet at the meeting house in the first parish in said town on Tuesday the twenty second day of September instant at two o'clock in the afternoon on said day to act on the following Articls

1st To Choose a Modrator to regulate said meeting

2 to see what sum of money the town raise to defray the arrisen and arrising charges the present year

3 To see if the town choose a Committe to meet a Committe from the Court of Sessions which are expected to open a way by Abraham Tylers and take any measures respecting said road which may be thought proper when met

4 To see if the Town will choose a Committe to supply the several destricts with Schoolmasters and Dames and to inspect the several Schools if thought proper

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings hereon to us the subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default at the peril of the Law

Dated Boxford September 8th 1795

Selectmen of Boxford

Francis Perley
John Tyler
Sam.ll Chadwick
Moses Norman

At a Legal Town meeting held by the inhabitants of the town of Boxford at the meting house in the first Parish in s. Town on Sep. 22. 1795 Passed the following Votes (viz)

1 Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator of s. Meeting

2 Voted to raise the sum of 220 £ to defray the arrisen & arrising Charges the Present year.

3 Voted that the Selectmen should be the Committe to meet the Committe from the Court of Sessions for the purpose of Laying out a road by Abraham Tyler

4 That John Robinson Esq & Mr David Kimball Jonathan Wood Thomas Perley Esqr Capt Jonathan Foster Ensr Enos Kannils Mr Timothy Dorman be a Committe for to Supply the Several School Detricts with School masters & Dames and to inspect the same if thought proper

We the Subscribers Fence veiwers with in the Town of Boxford duly chosen & sworn being informed that some dispute has arisin between Moses Wood of Boxford Yeoman & Richard Peabody of the same Boxford Gentleman respecting the fence between their Lands & Being requsted by the said Moses Wood and Richard Peabody to go upon the Premises & assign to each of the said parties their respective parts of said fence the said parties being ~~being born~~ Duly notified and present this sixth Day of October 1795 after duly considering the several obligations of the said parties have made pertition of the fence on the line between their respective lands & have assigned to each of them their share in manner following To the said Richard Peabody to be by him maintained we do assign the fence Beginning by land of Lt Jedediah Stickney thence running Northerly on the line 37 Rods to a stake & stone To the said Moses Wood to be by him maintained we assign the fence beginning at the Stake & Stone above mentioned thence Northerly on the line to the Pond & into the Pond as far as a fence is nessary In Testimoney whereof we do hereunto set our hands the day & year above written

Nathan Kimball

Aniel Stickney

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Essex ss. } To Luke. Hovey one of the Constables of Boxford Greeting

You are hereby required forthwith warn all the Inhabitants living in the Second Parish in Boxford who are qualified to vote in town meeting to meet at the meeting house in the first Parish in said town on wednesday the fourth Day of November next at two O Clock in the afternoon on said day to act on the following articals (viz)

1ly To Choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting

2ly To see if the Town will choose one man or more to take care of the intrest which falls to Miss Mary Mathews one of the Towns Poor

Herof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings hereon to us the subscribers at time and place as you will answer your Default at the Peril of the Law

Boxford October 30: 1795

Francis Perley } Selectmen
David Kimball } of
Samuel Chadwick } Boxford
Moses Dorman }

At a Legal Town Meeting held in the meting House in the first Parish in Boxford November 4: 1795 Choose Capt Francis Perley Moderator

Voted to Chuse a Committe to take the Care of the intrest which falls to Miss Mary Mathews one of the towns Poor

Choose John Robinson Esqr Thomas Perley Esqr and Mr Asa Peabody a Committe for the above purpos

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Essex ss

To Luke Hovey one of the Constables of the Town of Boxford in said County Greeting

You are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directed to warn and give notice to Mehitibal Hall of Boxford in the County of Essex Widow woman who has lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding there in not having obtained the Towns consent therefore that she depart the limits there of within fifteen days and of this precept with your doings there on you are to make return into the office of the Clark of the Town within twenty days next coming that such further proceedings may be had in the premises as the Law directs. Given under our hands and Seals at Boxford aforesaid this twenty fourth day of November Anno Domini 1795

Francis Perley
John Tyler
David Kimball
Sam[l] Chadwick
Moses Dorman.
} Selectmen of Boxford

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Essex ss } To Luke Hovey one of the Constables of Boxford Greeting

You are hereby required forthwith to warn all the Inhabitants living in the Second parish of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town meeting to assemble and meet at the meeting house in the first parish of said Town on Tuesday the eight day of March next at one O Clock in the afternoon on said day to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting.
2dly To choose Town officers for the year ensuing as the Law directs
3dly To see if the town will vote to mend the high ways and town roads by a vote the present year if so to see what sum of money they will vote for that purpos and how much they will allow a man per day a yoke of oxen per day a cart per day and a Plow per day on said roads
4th To see how much money they will vote for schooling the present year and what sum they will appropriate for a Dame school
5th To see if the Town will choose a committe to rouse school masters and Dames and inspect the schools if thought proper
6th To see if the town will vote to repair the pound and what method they will take for that purpos
7th To see if the town will vote the swine shall goat large the present year being yoked and ringed as the Law directs
8th To see if town will vote that the poor shall be boarded out in the same manner as they were the year past

9th To see if the Town will take any measures or give directions to the selectmen respecting Abigail Davis who has thrown her self on the town for support and is supposed to belong to Methuen

10th To see if the Town will vote to accept the School house built in the second Destruct of said Town agreeable to a vote past March the 12th 1793

11th To see if the town will vote that the first school Destruct shall draw their part of money which was voted for a Dame school in march 1795

12th To see if the Town will choose Selectmen Oversee of the poor and all other town officers Colleters of taxes excepted as will serve with out charge to the town and that the Treasurer be directed to pay such orders as may be Drawn on by the overseears of the poor for the expense of supporting them

13th To see if the Town will vote that no town officer shall be compelled to serve in any town office

14th To see if the Town will direct the selectmen to let to the lowest bidder the collection of the State and Town taxes and take bonds for the security of the town

15th To see if the Town will Direct the selectmen to make any additions or altarations in the guide Boards

16th To see if the Town will abate the rates of the widow Hannah Runnils Widow Rebecca Kimball Widow Mehitibal Wood Rubin Gragg William Loring and John Collis in Constable Joseph Hoveys List of rates

17th To see if the town will vote that the money which may be voted to mend the high ways and town roads shall bee assessed with the other Town taxes as it was the Last year

18th To allow Bills of Charge

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings heroon to us the subscribers at time and place as you will answer your Default at the peril of the law

Dated at Boxford the 18th of Febry 1796

Francis Derley
John Tyler
David Kimball
Moses Dorman

Selectmen of Boxford

In obediance to the within Warrant I have Notified the inhabitants of the second Parish in Boxford to meet at time and place

Luke Hovey Constable

Boxford March 7th 1796

Boxford March 8: 1796

At a Legal Town meeting held in the meeting house in the first Parish in said town on the Day afore said Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator and the following Persons ware chosen town officers for the insuing year

Jonathan Wood Town Clark

Thomas Perley Esqr
× John Tyler
+ Timothy Dorman
~~Saml. Kimball~~
+ Saml. Chadwick
+ Moses Dorman
} Selatmen and Assessors

× Nathan Andrews Jur
× Cat Francis Perley
} Const.s

Asa Peabod } Treasr

Saml. Gould
× Edmund Herrick
× Corns. Gould
Amos Perley
Jesse Perley
Cat Rich. Peabody
+ Moses Wood
David Kimball
Phineas Foster
Saml. Carlton Jur
Lt Saml. Runnils
Israel Adams
+ Luke Hovey
Enoch Kimball
} Surveyers of High Ways

Richard Foster
Timothy Dorman
Tyler Porter
Moses Chadwick
} Tything Men

Lt Joseph Symonds
Jacob Andrews
+ Phineas Perley
Stephan Tyler
} Hog reaves

Capt Richard Peabody
David Kimball
Nathan Kimball
} Fence vewars

Luke Hovey } Scaler of Lather

Mr Nathan Wood } Scaler of waits & Measurs

Asa Peabody
and Moses Porter
} Pound Keepers

Nathl. Perley
Lemuel Wood
} Field Drivers & Surveyers of plank and other Lumber

Voted to mend the high ways and town roads by a rate the present year

Voted to raise one hundred pound to mend the high ways & town roads the Present year

Voted to allow a man 4/ Shillings per day a yoke of oxen 2/6 per day a Plow 2/6 per Day and a Cart 2/ par Day on said roads

Voted to Raise one Hundred Pound Schooling the present year thirty Pound of wich is to be a Pro=priated for a woman School

Voted to Choose a Committe to procure School Masters and mis=tresses for the Several Destricts and to inspect the Schools if thought proper

Chose the Revd Peter Eaton Thomas Perley Esqr John Robinson Esqr Capt Francis Perley Mr Samuel Holyoke Samuel Spafford Jur Dor Elas Weld Lt Joseph Symonds and Timothy Dorman a Committe for the above purpos

Voted that the school Committe be Directed to draw up some regulation in regard to schooling and lay the same before the town for their Exceptance

Voted to Choose a Committe to vew the Pounds and to report to the town what Repairs are Kneedfull and the best way of affecting the same

Chose Nathl. Perly Lemuel Wood and Benjamin Spafford a Committe for the above purpos

Voted to abte the rates of the Widow Hannah Runnels the Widow Mehitibal Wood Rubin Gragg William Loring and John Collis in Constable Joseph Hiveys List of Rates

Voted that this Meeting be Adjourned to Monday the four tenth day of ~~this~~ march instant at two Oclock in the afternoon

Monday March 14: 1796 the Town met according to Adjournment Chose Nathaniel Perley and Lemual Wood Surveyers of plank and other Lumber

Voted to Excuse Samuel Kimball from farving as a Selectman Chose Timothy Dorman in his room

Voted that the Poor of the town be boarded out to the lowest bider as they ware the year past

Voted that the Selectmen be Directed to take such measures respecting Abigail Davis as they Shall judg best and most for the interest of the town

Voted to Except of the Schoole House built in the Second Destrict agreeable to vote past march 12th: 1793

Voted that the first Destrict Drew their proportion of the money that was apropriated for a woman School the Last year provided they lay it out in schooling the insuing summer

Voted to pass over the 12th 13th and 14th articals in the warrant tours

Voted that the Selectmen be Directed to make such alteration in the guide Guide boards as they shall think proper

Voted that the money that was voted to mend the Highways and town roads the present year be Assest with the other Town taxes

Voted allow Jonathan Wood one pound twelve Shillings for finding the Towns Committe that ware appointed to meet a Committ from the Court that ware sent to open a way by Abraham Tylers

Voted that the Committe Chosen to vew the Pounds and See what repairs are Necessary be Directed to repair the Pound in the second Parish before the April meeting and report to the town what repairs are Necessary for the Pound in the first Parish

Voted that this Meeting be Adjourned to the first Monday in April Next at three Oclock in the afternoon

Those officers with this mark × against their names have been sworn

To Benjamin Spafford one of the Constables of Boxford — Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of the first Parish of said town of twenty one years old and upwards having a free a freehold estate with in said town of the annual income income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pound pounds to meet at the Meeting house in said first parish on monday the fourth day of April next at 3 o clock in the afternoon on said day to give in their votes for a Governor Lieu.t Governor Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your Doings hereon to us the Subscribers at time and place as you will answer your Default at the peril of the Law — — —

Dated at Boxford the 18 of March 1796

Thomas Perley
John Tyler
Timothy Dorman
Saom.l Chadwick
Moses Dorman

Selectmen of Boxford

At a Legal Town meeting held in the meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford April 4: 1796 for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Lieut. Governor Senators and counsellors votes for the following Person vare given in counted for and Declaration there of made as by Constitution Directed

For a Governor

Hon.ble Increase Sumner Esqr 24 votes

Lt Governor

His Honor Moses Gill Esqr 26

For Senators and Counsellor.

Hon.ble Samuel Holten Esqr 19 votes
Hon.ble Azor Orn. Esqr 20
Hon.ble Samuel Phillips Esqr 18
Hon.ble Stephen Choate Esqr 20
Hon.ble Nathan Dane. Esqr 20

This Indenture made the fourteenth day of March
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety
six between Moses Peabody of Boxford in the County of Essex
and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman of one part
and the Town of Boxford aforesaid on the other part witnesseth
witnesseth that the said Moses Peabod in consideration of
three dollars and eighty five cents to him before the ensealing
hereof hath granted demised and leased and by these presents
doth grant demise and lease to the said Town of Boxford
a small parcel of land in said Town near the said Moses
Peaboys dwelling house on which the School house in
the Second School District is erected for so long a time
as the said House shall be improved for the use of School
ing or for so long a time as the said land shall be
improved for the above purpos
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this fifteenth day of March in the year of
our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and ninety six

Signed and sealed
in presence of us
Jeremiah Peabody
Jacob Peabody

Moses Peabody

7 seal

Know all men by these Presents that I Elisha Gould of Boxford in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman being the sole proprietor of the School house lately built in the second district in said Town in compliance with a vote of the Town passed at a meeting on the Tenth day of November 1795 and further confirmed by a nother vote of the Town passed on the eleventh day of March 1795 for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred Dollars as a full compensation for said House passed by the said town to me the subscriber and proprietor of said house do by these presents hereby sell and convey to the said Town the School house now standing in the second school district - - - - - - - - - - - -

To have and to hold use and improve by keeping a School therein as the property of the Town forever and that I will warrant secure and defend the same from any person or persons from by or under me claiming said House in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six

Signed and sealed
in presence of us
Joseph Symonds
Jacob Gould

Elisha Gould ×seal×

Essex ss Boxford 14th day March 1796 Then Elisha Gould personally acknowledged the above written instrument to be his free act and deed

Before me Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace

To Capt Francis Perley one of the Constables of the Town of Boxford Greeting —

You are hereby required in the name of the Common=wealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabita=nts of said Town being twenty one years of age having a free=hold Estate with in said Town of the ~~value~~ annual income of three or any estate of the value of sixty pounds together with such of said Inhabitants as are legally qualified to vote in Town meeting to meete at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on Thursday the fifth day of May next at 2 o clock in the after=noon for the purpose of choosing a Representative to the General Court appointed to be ~~held~~ convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next and to act on the following articles viz.

1st To appoint a Moderator

2d To consider and act as shall appear most proper on the subject of Communications from the Selectmen of Salem in behalf of the Inhabitants thereof relative to carrying into effect the Treaty between Great Britain and the United States of America

3d To receive the report of the Committee entrusted with the care and management of the Estate devised to the Town by the Honourable Moses Wood Esq.

4th To take such measures as may appear proper in consequence of the Petition of Capt Jona. Foster and others to the Court of Gen=eral Sessions of the Peace praying for a jury to assess the Damages which they have sustained in Laying out the Road by Abraham Tyler

4th To receive a report of the Committee who were Chosen to view the Bounds of said Town

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your Doings hereon to us the Subscribers the time and place as you will answer your default at the peril of the Law —

Boxford April 25th 1796

Thomas Perley
John Tyler
Samuel Chadwick
Moses Foreman

Selectmen of Boxford

At a Legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting House in the First parish in Boxford May 5: 1796

Coose Thomas Perley Esqr to Represent the Town at the General Court to be held at the State house in Boston on the Last wensday in may Currant

Choose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator

Voted unanimusly that this Town will prefer a memorial to Honarable the House of Representatives of the United States praying that Provision be made to carry into full affect the Treaty lately made with Great Brittan by the Constituted authorities

Voted Chose a Committe to join with the Selectmen in Presenting the said memorial to the Inhabitants of this Town to be signed by them and when signed to forward the same to the Honbl Thofilus Bradbury Esqr or some other member of Congress to be by them Presented to the Representatives of the United States

Appointed John Robinson Esqr Mjour Asa Perley Capt Jonathan Foser Capt Ivorey Hovey Lt Moses Carlton Parker Spafford and Nathan Andrews Jur a Committe for the above purpos

Voted to Except of the report of the Committe Chefer to take the care of the Estate Devised to the town by the Honbl Aaron Esqr and to have it go on Record

Voted to Choose a Committe to attend to subject of the Petition of Capt Jonan Foser and others to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace praying for a jury to assess the Damages they have sustaine in laying out the way by Abraham Tylers to appear shew Cause and Defend at the Court of Sessions or Before a jury in such way & manner as to them may appear most suitable

Thomas Perley Esqr Capt Francis Perley Mr Nathanill Perley Lt Ebinezer Peabody and Capt Ivorey ware appointed a Committe for the above purpos

Voted that Nathl Perley Lemual Wood & Benjamin Spafford be a Committe to rebuild the Pound in the first Parish in said Town in such way & manner as to them may appear most ~~for~~ benificial and most for intrest of the Town

The Committe appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving manniging & Leasing the Estate Devised to the Town by the Honble Aaron Wood Esqr ask leave to report that on the eighteenth Day of April last they received of divers persons from whom the same was due one hundred twenty three Dollars & sixty seven Cents being one years Intrest on the Principal of 2061, Dollars & 33 Cents and on the same Day placed the Intrest in the Treasury.

Since the last annual Report considerable sums of the Principals have been discharged and placed in other hands which the Committe have judged sufficiant for the payment thereof The whole sum at Intrest is now ~~sufficient~~ secured by Bonds in manner following (viz)

As Principals	Dollars	Cents	Quarties
Mr Nathan Low	623.	54.	Capt Richard Peabody Mr Nathan Low Jr
Mr Israel Adams	300.	: —	Lt Moses Carlton Mr Israel Foster
Mr Parker Spafford	200.	: —	Mr Nathan Kimball Mr Samuel Kimball
John Robinson Esq	78[illegible]	25	Mr Isaac Barke. Mr Aaron Robinson
Mr Benjamin Spafford	[illegible]	[illegible]	Mr Joseph Spafford Mr Jonas Warrin
Mr Moses Spafford	200	: —	Jeremiah Spafford Thomas Dresser
Mr Nathanil Perley	100.	: —	Mr Nathan Perley Jr Mr Anil Stickney
Mr Nathan Robinson	100	: —	John Robinson Esq Mr Aron Robinson
Mr Asa Pingry	100	: : —	Mr Daniel Foster Mr Moses Merril
Mr Luke Hovey	70	: —	John Robinson Esq Mr Nathan Kimball
Mr Aaron Nelson	61	: —	Mr Nathan Perley Mr Nathan Low
Total	2061	33	

Which is submited by

Thomas Perley
John Robinson } Committe
Francis Perley

Boxford May 5: 1796

To Thomas Perley one of the Constables within the Town of Boxford Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said Town being twenty one years of Age having a Freehold Estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of sixty pounds and living in the second parish in said Town with such of the Inhabitants of said parish as are Legally qualified to vote in Town Meetings to meete at the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of November next ensuing at two ——— Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for the Choice of a Representative in the Congress of the United States conformable to a Law of the commonwealth also to give in their votes for the Choice of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States pursuant to Resolve of the General Court also to act on the following Articles (viz)

1st To appoint a Moderator

2nd To raise money to pay the Debts and ensuing Charges of the Town the ensuing year

3d To receive and act on a Report of the School Committee

4th To take any measures that may appear proper to remove the Town stock of Powder from the Meeting House to such other place as may appear most suitable

5th to allow bills of Charges

Here of fail not make return of this Warrant with your doings hereon to us the Subscribers at the aforesaid time and Place as you will answer your default under the pains and Penalty of the Law in that behalf made & provided

Dated at Boxford 17th of October 1796

Selectmen of Boxford

Thomas Perley
John Tyler
Timothy Dorman
Samll Chaderick
Moses Dorman

In Obedience to this warrant I have warned the within named to meet at time and place within mentioned

Thomas Perley Constable

At a Legal Town meeting held in the meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford November 7: 1796 For the purpose of giving in their votes for one representative to the Congress of the united States of America and for one Elector of a President & vice president of the united States of America votes for the following persons were given in Counted Sorted & Declaration thereof made as by Law required

for a Representative

Honou.ble Theophilus Bradbury Esqr 22 votes

for an Elector

Baley Bartlet Esqr 22

Thomas Perley Esqr is appointed Moderator

Voted to raise the sum 675 Dollars for the purpose of paying the old Town Debt ———

Voted to raise the sum 825 Dollars for the purpos of Defraying the arising Charges of the town the present year

Voted to Except of a report from the Scholl Committe

Voted to allow Edmund Herrick Six Dollars and twenty five cents for timber to repair the Bridges near Simeon Stiles House & Richard Hosters mill & for Labour on said bridges

Voted to allow Mr Richard Foser nine shilling & five pence for plank for the Bridge and Labour upon the roads

Voted to allow Jonathan Wood Seventeen shilling for finding the towns Committe Swidors

The Committe appointed by the Town of Box ford for attending to the buisness of the schools in the several districts beg leave to report that since the rising generation have a just claim upon us to afford them all the opportunityes and advantages which may be in our power after deliberating impaliallly upon the subject they were of opinion that it is a duty incumbant on us to provide for the instruction of our youth in those ways which will most directly lead to the desired end (viz) the diffusion of knowledge and the promotion of virtue and therefore have submitted the following articals for the consideration of the town:

1st That it is the duty of school committes when employing Masters or Mistresses for instructing the youth in the several districts in this town to require satisfactory evidance of their being qualified for that purpos agreably with law also that the selectmen be directed to give no order for the payment of any instructers who shall not produce the evidence aforesaid.

2. That some regular system of instruction ought to be adopted in the schools and that the scholars attending the same school ought to be furnished with the same kind of books that the Instructor may be enabled to divide his pupils into suitable clases.

3. when Masters are engaged they should be required to open and close the exercise of their schools with prayer which will assist in preserving order and good government in them and also that they be desired to observe any particular mode of instruction which the committe and they shall judge will be the most beneficial.

4. That the Committe shall visit the Masters schools twice annually (viz) when they are opened and previous to their being closed on their first visit specimen of their writing &c of the scollars shall be lodged in the hands of the Committe and they shall take so far as may be an exact state of the schools which will enable them to form a better judgment of the proficiancy of the scholars at the closing visitation.

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5. That it be recommended to the several Instructors in those instances where Scholars are tolerably forward and can read with propriety to instruct them in ing-lish Grammer that they may be led into the principles of the English Language

6. That it might have a benificial tendency should the town see it proper to advance a trifling sum (say one Dollar for each District) to be laid out for Books and those to be given by the committe to the Scholars who in the judgment of the Master shall have made the greatest proficiency in several branches.

7. That it is the duty of every Committe to report annually to the town the particular state of each Scholl

Boxford 31st October: 1796

Peter Eaton
John Robinson
Samuel Holyoke
Thomas Perley
Francis Perley
Joseph Symonds

In Town Meeting Boxford November 7: 1796 the Town Voted to Except of the foregoing report

attest Jonathan Wood T Clerk

To Nathan Andrews jr. one of Constables of the Town of Norford Greeting. —

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants living in the first Parish of said Town, qualified to vote in Town Meetings (viz.) (such as pay to one single tax besides the Poll or Polls a just equal to a single Poll Tax) to meet and assemble at the Meeting-house in said Parish, on Tuesday the fourteenth day of March Instant, at 11 o'clock in the fournoon to act on the following Articles viz.

1st To appoint a Moderator.

2. To choose Town Officers the present year as the Law directs.

3. To see if the Town will vote to mend the Highways & Town Roads by a Rate the ~~present~~ year ensuing; if so, then to raise a suitable sum of money for that purpose; and to determine the sums which shall be allowed pr. day for a man working on the Roads; how much for a Yoke of Oxen, how much for a Cart and how much for a Plough pr. day. —

4th To see if the Town will order that the money raised to repair and amend the Highways, shall be assessed together with the sums which may be raised for other Town charges the present year; and that the Selectmen make out in proper season to the Surveyors, a list with each persons proportion of the sum raised to repair the Highways as has been usual and that the several Surveyors of Highways be required to certify to the Selectmen, on or before the twentieth day of February next the sums which have been paid by the respective persons in their lists, by working on the Roads in the manner prescribed by the Town; that the Selectmen may be able to give Orders for the allowance of such sums. —

5th To see what sum of money the Town will raise for Schooling the present year; and what part thereof shall be appropriated for attorneys ^ school-

6th To see if the Town will choose a School Committee. —

7th To see if the Town will vote that Swine shall go at large. —

8th To see if the Town will choose a Committee to go to the Treasurer book in to, examine and see how the monies raised in the year 1794 and 1795, has been appropriated, and report to the Town. —

9th To see if the Town will vote to direct their Treasurer to keep a fair account of all monies committed to, and paid out ~~by~~ for the use of the Town, in a book provided for that purpose, and make a statement of the state of the Treasurer, at the next annual March meeting after his Election. —

10th To see if the Town will take any measures relative to a Petition of Ephraim Foster and others, praying the Town to open a Road, from Ipswich road on Tyler's plain (so called) and westerly of Eng: Gideon Tyler's House, and by said Fosters House; and so on to the road near Mark-brook (so called) leading to Norford old Parish. —

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11th To see if the Town will hear the Petition of John Towne and others requesting the Selectmen to lay out a Road from said Towne's House to the Road leading to Lindover by Samuel Kimball's, and take such measures as may appear proper thereon. —

12th To see if the Town will vote to keep one School the year round exclusive of the Donation; or two including the Donation, excepting the the three Summer Months. —

13th To see if the Town will make Majr Joseph Gould any allowance on account of working on the Road to his land near Bald-hill, and consider what is proper to be done there in future —

14th To see if the Town will make up to Abraham Tyler, the Damage which he sustained in being omitted in the Highway Tax in 1795 —

15th To allow Bills of Charge. —

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings hereon, unto the Subscribers at time and place, as you will answer your default, under the pains and penalties of the Law, in that behalf made & provided. —

Dated at Wexford the 2d day of March 1797. —

Thomas Perley
John Tyler
Timothy Dorman
Sam.l Chadwick
Moses Dorman
} Selectmen of Wexford

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Parish qualified as therein expressed, to meet at time & place, and for the purposes within mentioned

Dated Wexford the 14 day of March 1797

Nathan Andrews Constr.

Another warrant issued by the above named Selectmen to Francis Perley Constable, of the same tenour and date, whereby the Inhabitants of the Second Parish in said Town were Legally warned to meet at the above mentioned time and place

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At a legal Town-meeting held in the meeting-house in the first Parish in Wexford March 14th 1797. — Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator — and the following persons were chosen Town Officers for the ensuing year viz.

× Parker Spofford Town Clerk.

× Thomas Perley Esqr
× Ens.n Enos Runnels
Samuel Perley
× Samuel Spofford Jr
× Moses Dorman
} Selectmen & Assessors

Stephen Peabody
× Nathan Kimball
} Constables.

Asa Peabody Treasurer.

× Capt. Jacob Gould
Asa Foster
~~[illegible]~~
Samuel Peabody
× Joseph Symonds Jr.
Samuel Brown
× Nathl. Perley
Capt. Richard Peabody
× Moody Perley
Joseph Carlton
× Tyler Porter
Samuel Chadwick
Lt. Samuel Runnels
Simeon Cole
} Surveyors of High-ways

Decr. Moses Peabody
Richard Foster
Capt. Ivory Hovey
} Fence-viewers

John Stiles
× Jesse Perley
Ensn. Enos Runnels
Luke Hovey
} Tything-men

× John Giddings
× Phinehas Perley
× Stephen Tyler
Broadstreet Tyler
} Hog-reaves

× Stephen Peabody, Sealer of Weights and measures.

David Kimball, Sealer of Leather.

Aaron Perley
Asa Foster
} Surveyors of Lumber

× Stephen Peabody
× Lt. Ebenezar Peabody
} Field-drivers

Asa Peabody
Samuel Chadwick
} Pound-keepers

Voted, to mend the Highways & Town Roads by a Rate the present year.

Those Officers with this + mark against their names have been sworn.—

Voted to raise four Hundred Dollars to mend the High-ways & Town Roads the present year.—

Voted to allow a Man 90 Cents, a Yoke of Oxen 50 Cents, a Cart 25 Cents and a Plough 40 Cents pr. Day.—

Voted, that the money raised to repair and amend the Highways shall be assessed together with the sums that ~~shall~~ may be raised for other Town Charges the present year; and that the Selectmen make out in proper season to the surveyors, lists, with each persons proportion of the sum raised to repair the High-ways as has been usual, and that the several Surveyors of High-ways be required to certify to the Selectmen on or before the 20th Day of February next the sums that have been paid by the respective persons in their lists, by working on the Roads in the manner prescribed by by the Town— that the Selectmen may be able to give Orders for the allowance of such sums.—

Voted, to raise four Hundred Dollars for the purpose of Schooling the present year.— One Hundred Dollars of which to be appropriated for Woman's Schools.

Voted to Choose a School-Committee.

Chose,— the Revd. Peter Eaton
John Robinson Esqr.
Samuel Spofford Jr.
Capt. Jonathan Foster
} School-Committee

David Kimball
Decr. Elias Weld
Asa Peabody
Capt. Francis Perley
Thomas Perley Esqr.
} Committee

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Voted the Swine should go at large, the present year.

Voted to choose a committee to go to the Treasurer look into examine and see how the monies raised in the year 1794 and 1795 have been appropriated and report to the Town.

Choose Nath.ll Perley
Capt. Ivory Hovey
Capt. Richard Peabody
David Kimball
Samuel Wood
Parker Stafford
Stephen Peabody
} committee for the above purpose.

Voted to direct the Treasurer to keep a fair account of all monies committed to — and paid out for the use of Town, in a book provided for that purpose, and make a statement of the State of the Treasury at the next annual March meeting after he is chosen.

Voted to choose a Committee to attend to the Petition of Ephraim Frothingham and others — praying the Town to open a road from Ipswich road, on Tyler's plain (so called) and westerly of Esq.r Gideon Tyler's House, & by said Frothingham's house, and so on to the road near Rock brook (so called) leading to Boxford old Parish and report to the Town

Choose Capt. Jonathan Frothingham
Nathan.ll Perley
Thomas Perley Esq.r
John Robinson Esq.r
Samuel Kimball
} Committee to attend to said petition

Voted to choose a Committee to attend to the petition of John Towne and others praying for a road from said Towne's House, to the road leading to Andover by Samuel Kimballs, and report to the Town

~~Voted~~ Choose Capt. Joseph Symonds
Dan.l Moses Peabody
Timothy Stiles
} Committee for the above purpose.

The 12 Article passed in the negative.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April three o'clock in afternoon.

Monday April 3.d 1797.

The Town met according to adjournment

carried over.

Voted to excuse Stephen Peabody from serving as Constable..

× Chose Elisha Gould Constable for the year ensuing.

× Chose Asa Kimball Surveyors of highways.

Voted to accept of the report of Committee, Capt. Joseph Symonds Chairman.

Report of the Committee &c { Agreeable to the request of the Town — we have examined the Land through which said Town and others have prayed for a Road; and from said petitioners have learnt that they will with-draw their petition, provided The Town will think proper to grant them a Bridge over the ford-way so called.

It is our opinion that it will be for the Interest of the Town to comply with the request of said petitioners, relative to a Bridge, which might be erected over said ford way, greatly to the benefit of the ~~Town~~ petitioners, and other Inhabitants of the Town. — It is also our opinion that should 60 or 70 Dollars be Judiciously expended for the purpose of a Bridge, it would be amply sufficient to Defray the expence of it

Morford 3d April 1797 — Joseph Symonds, Moses Peabody, Timothy Stiles } Committee

Voted to let out the building of the above Bridge to the lowest bidder.

Voted that the same Committee viz. Capt. Joseph Symonds Decn. Moses Peabody & Mr. Timothy Stiles have the care of leting out said Bridge to the lowest bidder and make report to the Town.

Voted to discontinue the privillege which was voted Majr. Joseph Gould in Town-meeting Novr. 24th 1772. and ~~that~~ he work out his own high-way tax, on the Road leading to Bald-hill so called.

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Voted to allow Abraham Tyler what his High-way tax would have been in the year 1795 provided said Tyler will work the same out on the road in the district which he belongs the present year.

D. 18:84 Voted to allow Samuel Wood 18 Dollars & 84 Cents for his repairing the Pound in the second Parish in s. Town.

D. 8:94 Voted to allow Cornelius Gould 8 Dollars & 94 Cents for his repairing the Bridge near Dea.: Stephen Symonds's Mills

D. 14:44 Voted to allow Joseph Symonds 14 Dollars & 44 Cents for labor and finding Timber & Plank to repair the above named Bridge.

Meeting Dissolved.

Essex ss. To Nathan Andrews Jr. one of the Constables within the Town of Boxford greeting. — —

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Male Inhabitants of the first Parish in Boxford, who are free, being twenty one years of age & upwards, having a freehold Estate of the Annual income of three pounds, or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds; and those who are qualified to vote in Town-meetings, to assemble at the Meeting-house in the first Parish in said Town, on Monday the third day of April next, at one o'Clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes, for the choice of Governor, Lt. Governor, Counsellors and Senators, as prescribed in the Constitution, Also

2. To appoint a Moderator.

3d To receive a report of the School Committee, who were appointed to visit the Schools the year past.

4th To act on the petition of the Heirs of Thomas Killiam Deceased, & others, praying for a further Indulgence to continue the Gates across the Road from Emery's Gate to Edmund Herrick's, & so on to the Poplar tree.

Hereof fail not make return of this warrant with your doings hereon to us the subscribers at time & place above mentioned, otherwise you will answer your default ~~at~~ under the pains & penalties of the Law in that behalf made & provided.

Dated at Borford the 20 Day of March 1797.

Thomas Perley
Enos Kunnels
Samll Perley
Samll Spofford Jr
Moses Dorman.
} Selectmen of Borford.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified & warned the ~~within~~ Inhabitants of said Parish quallified as therein Expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein mentioned.
Dated at Borford 3d April 1797.
Nathan Andrews Jr Constbl.

Another warrant of the same tenure & date Essued by the above named Selectmen, to Francis Perley one of the Constables for Borford, whereby the Inhabitants of the second Parish, who are quallified to vote in Town-meetings were legally warned to meet at time and place above mentioned.

At a legal Town-meeting held in the meeting house in the first Parish in Boxford, April 3d 1797, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lt Governor, Senators and Counsellors: — Votes for the following Persons were given in, Counted, sorted and Declaration thereof made as by Constitution directed.

	votes	
Hon. Increase Sumner	35	Governor
Hon. James Sullivan	1	
Hon. Moses Gill	18	Lt Governor

	Votes	
Hon. Samuel Phillips Esqr	24	Senators
Hon. Stephen Choate Esqr	27	
Hon. Nathan Dane Esqr	24	
Hon. John Norris Esqr	23	
Hon. Ebenezar March Esqr	27	
Hon. Bailey Bartlett Esqr	4	
Francis Carr Esqr	3	

Choose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator.

Voted to put the Report of the School Committee on file in the Clerk's Office.

Voted to continue up Gates three across the road years, from Emery's gate to Edmund Herrick's, so on to the Poplar Tree.

Meeting Dissolved.

To Francis Foster one of the Constables of the Town of Norfolk Greeting —

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Male Inhabitants of the second Parish of said Town, and residents of said Town, being twenty one years of age, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of Sixty Pounds; and all such persons as are legally qualified to vote in Town-meetings, to meet at the Meeting-house in the first parish of said Town, on Thursday the Eighteenth day of May Instant, at two o'Clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of giving in their votes for the choice of a Representative, to represent them at the General Court, appointed to be convened and held at Boston the last wednesday of May: — also to act on the following Articles, viz: —

1st To appoint a Moderator.

2d To hear the Petition of Abraham Tyler & others, praying the Selectmen to open the Road from Ens.n Gideon Tyler's gate, by the Road leading from Andover to Ipswich on said Tyler's land, — and on land belonging to Capt. Jonathan Foster, Mr. Ephraim Foster and Mr. Enoch Kimball, to the Road leading from Andover to Topsfield — and to take such measures in relation to the subject of the said petition, as to the Town shall appear most suitable. —

3d To see if the Town will raise money to defray the arrearages arising & charges the current year — and to give such directions as may appear advisable, as to the time of assessing, collecting and paying in to the Treasury the monies which have been, and which may be raised the present year.

— Carried over —

4th To receive the report of the Committee appointed to take the care ~~of~~ and direction of the manner of improving the Estate Devised to said Town by the late Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. —

5th To choose such town Officers as may ~~appear~~ be found necessary to fill the vacancies arising by non acceptance of any persons ~~who~~ chosen at the last annual Meeting. —

6th To see if the Town will abate the tates of John Buckmaster, (which remain unpaid) in Constable Moses Wood's list of Rates

7th To allow bills of charge. —

Hereof fail not, make return of this warrant with your doings hereon to us the subscribers at time and place above mentioned, as you will answer your default under the pains & penalties of the Law in that behalf made & provided.

Dated at Morford the 1st day of May 1797.

Thomas Perley
Enos Munels
Samuel Perley
Samuel Spofford Jr.
Moses Dorman
} Select-men of Morford

In obedience to this warrant, I have warned the within named to meet at time and place within mentioned
Morford May 10th 1797 — Francis Perley Constable

Another warrant of the same tenure & date Issued by the above named Selectmen, whereby the Inhabitants of the ~~first Parish~~ first Parish in in said Town were legally warned to met at time and place

At a legal Town meeting held in the meeting-house in the first Parish in Norton May 10th 1797 — for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them at the general Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston the last Wednesday of May — Votes for the following Persons were given in, counted & sorted and declaration thereof made.

	viz. votes.	
Thomas Perley Esqr.	21	
Mr. David Kimball —	8	} For Representative.
John Robinson Esqr. —	5	

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator for the remainder of the meeting —

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to consider the expediency of opening the Road from Enqr. Gideon Tyler's gate through said Tyler's Land — through the Land of Capt. Jonathan Hodges, Mr. Ephraim Hodges, and Mr. Enoch Kimball, to the Road leading from Andover to Mansfield — to confer with the Proprietors through whose Land said way has been improved, to know their views as to the time & manner of opening said Road, and report all matters necessary for the information of the Town — and that the Proprietors may continue to keep up their Gates as has been usual untill the way is opened, or untill the further order of the Town thereon. —

Voted to raise one thousand Dollars to defray the ansuing and arising charges the present year; and that five hundred Dollars of said sum, be paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of January next. —

Voted that the Report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving the Estate devised to the Town, by the Hon. Aaron Hobart Esqr. remain in the said Committees hands untill the next Annual May meeting. —

Chose Joseph Carleton Surveyor of High-ways

Voted to abate the rates which remains unpaid, in Collector Hobart Hoods List of Rates. —

Voted to allow Mr. Asa Peabody 20 Dollars for his service Treasurer two years. —

Meeting dissolved.

A division of Fence on the dividing line between the Heirs of Mr. Thomas Kilham, and Mr. Edmund Herrick of Boxford, made by the subscribers as Fence-viewers, this 26 day of June 1797— The first division of Fence begins at the Southwestwardly end of the line near long Meadow (so called) thirty Rods belonging to said Heirs; from thence twenty five Rods belonging to Edmund Herrick, from thence Forty Rods and two Links to said Heirs, from thence thirty seven Rods and four Links to Edmund Herrick, then beginning at the road near the barn of s. Heirs, ten Rods & fourteen links, to s. Heirs, from thence fifty-two Rods & six links to s. Herrick, from thence six Rods & twenty two links to s. Heirs, then from the County road thirty nine Rods & twenty one link to s. Heirs, from thence twelve Rods & sixteen links to s. Herrick, which ends at the fishing Brook (so called) signed by us Richard Foster
Moses Peabody
Fence-viewers for the Town of Boxford

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of Andover and Morford have this 22d day of Septr. 1794 - met agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of Andover at the Southeast corner bounds of sd. Andover (being the corner bounds between Andover & Morford) for the purpose of Purambulating the boundary line, and renewing the bounds between our respective Towns, and having renewed the same - make return of our doings as follows viz. Beginning at sd. corner bound, which is heap of Stones & a walnut tree Marked A.B.M. - thence N. 21° W 80 poles to a white oak Stump & Stones nigh a Small pine marked; thence N 32° W 60 poles to a white oak Stump & Stones; thence N 3° West 78 pole to a white oak Stump & Stones on the east side of a Meadow; thence N 13° West 35 pole to a white oak tree on the north end of a Meadow thence North 19° West 76 pole to a white oak Stump & Stones; thence N 17° West to a white oak Stump in a Stone wall, east of the dwelling house of John Foster Jr. 118 pole; thence N 13° West across the fish brook 102 pole to a black oak & Stones; thence N 19° W. 76 poles to a heap of Stones; thence N 19° W. 26 poles to an old Stump & Stones thence North 21° W. 49 poles to a great white oak & Stones; thence N. 19 W. 59 pole to a heap of Stones; thence N 29 W. 103 pole to a great white oak & Stones; thence N 20° W. 47 pole to a heap of Stones & Stump; thence N 28½ W. 88 pole to a pine Stump & Stones a bound between Morford Parish's; thence N 33° W 46 pole to a heap of Stones; thence N. 32 W. 20 pole to a great white oak & Stones; thence N 34 W. 18½ pole to a heap of Stones on a Ledge of Rocks; thence N 41° ½ W 37 pole to a Stake & Stones; thence N 34 W. 68 pole to a heap of Stones; thence N 37½ W. 56½ pole to a white oak & Stones; thence N. 34 W. 72 pole to a heap of Stones; thence N. 32° W. 36 pole to a heap of Stones by a walnut; thence N 29° W. 45 pole to a heap of Stones; thence N 30° W. 24 pole to a heap of Stones thence N. 33 W. 73 pole to a heap of Stones & Stake at Chadwick's & Porter's corner; thence N. 33½° W. 77 pole to a heap of Stones; thence N. 36° W 69 pole to a Stake & Stones on Robinson's Hill; thence N. 32 W. 37 pole to a heap of Stones in the wall; thence N. 32° W. 100 pole to a heap of Stones in the wall; thence N 32 W. 69 pole to a heap of Stones by a walnut tree; thence N 32 W. 37 pole to a heap of Stones in the wall nigh a Small apple tree marked on Plummers Hill; thence N 35 W. 67 pole to a heap of Stones in Tylers pasture; thence N. 32½ W 147 pole to a Stones in Stephen Masker's mowing; thence N. 32½ W. 136 pole a Red oak Mush & Stones, in the corner of Maskers field, thence

N 33 W. 94 pole to Gages wall in his pasture; thence N 31 W 12 pole to a pine tree & Stones, the corner bound between Andover Boxford & Bradford, the line as above discribed we consider & confirm the same to be the boundary line between our Respective towns. In ~~testimony~~ Witness whereof we have hereunto Set our hands this 22d day of September A. D. 1794—

Samuel Wood
David Kimball
Selectmen of Boxford

John Farnum
Joshua Willson
Selectmen of Andover

To Nathan Kimball one of the Constables within the Town of Mosford Greeting. —

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Town, living within the second Parish, being twenty one years old and upward, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual income of three pounds, or any Estate of the value of Sixty pounds, also those persons legally qualified to act in Town meetings, being Inhabitants of said Parish to meet at the Meeting house in the first Parish in said Town on Thursday the 24th Day of August Currant at three o'Clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for the choice of one Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States, in the Room of the Hon. Theophilus Bradbury Esqr., who has resigned his seat in Congress, and also to act on the following Articles

1st To appoint a Moderator.

Receive the report of the Committee chosen to consider the expediency of opening the Road from Ensn. Gideon Tylers gate by Mr. Enoch Kimballs to the Road leading from Andover to Topsfield, and to take any measures ~~any~~ relative to said Road, which the Town may judge proper.

To receive the report of the Committee chosen to take care of the Interest ~~of~~ belonging to Mrs. Matthews — and to appoint some person or persons to convey by Deed the Real Estate arriving to Mary Matthews as an Heir to the Estate of her Mother Elijah Dorman late of Mosford Wheelwright, Deceased; and to take any other measures which may appear Eligible, in relation to said property,

4th To see if the Town will appoint a Surveyor of Highways, ~~in the~~ within, and for the Limits assigned by the Selectmen to Mr. Asa Foster, who has declined discharging the Office of Surveyor of Highways, and to adopt any method that may appear suitable respecting the amendment of the Highways & Bridges within the Limits aforesaid.

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Hereof fail not, make return of this warrant with your doings hereon to the subscribers at time and place, as you will answer your Default at the peril of the Law.

Dated Morford the 19th of August 1797.

Thomas Perley
Enos Munnels
Samuel Perly
Samuel Spofford Jr
Moses Dorman
} Selectmen of Morford

~~Another warrant of the same~~ ~~to Obed~~ Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants of said second Parish qualified as therein Expressd, to meet at the time and place, & for the purpose within mentioned

Morford August 24th 1797 — Nathan Kimball Con.

Another warrant of the same tenure and date, ~~where~~ ~~by the male~~ Issued by the above named Selectmen, whereby the Inhabitants who are qualified to vote in Town meetings ~~are~~ living in the first Parish in Morford were legally warned to meet at time & place.

At a legal Town meeting held in the meeting house in the first Parish in Norfield, 24th of August 1797, for the purpose of giving in their votes for one Representative, to the Congress of the United States of America.

Theophilus Parsons Esqr 18 votes for Representative

Chose Thomas Bailey Esqr Moderator.

Voted to receive the report of the Committee, chosen to consider the expediency of opening the Road from Ensn Gideon Tyler's gate, by Mr Enoch Kimball's, to the Road leading from Andover to Norfield, and to take any measures relative to said Road which the Town may judge proper.

(report) The Committee appointed to consider the expediency of opening the Road from Ensn Gideon Tyler's gate, through said Tyler's land, through the land of Capt Jonathan Foster, Mr Ephraim Foster and Mr Enoch Kimball's & the Road leading from Andover to Norfield, to confer with the proprietors through whose land said way has been improved, to know their views as to the time & manner of opening said Road &c. ask leave to report that after giving notice to the aforesaid Proprietors and some of the petitioners, & having met on the business assigned them, found by actual measurement that said Road is in length about 449 Rod (viz.) through the Land of Mr Tyler 152 Rod, Capt Jonathan Foster 71 Rod, Mr Ephraim Foster 40 Rod Mr Kimball's 178 Rod. by the Records of the Town, the same appears to have been laid out and accepted as a private Town way the Road was in 1784. Which way ~~which~~ has been improved for travelling since that time, and is still necessary for the families living thereon. The Committee have heard the views & proposals of the Proprietors ~~Petitioners~~ they have heard but few of the Petitioners on the subject, and at present are not fully perswaded as to the expediency of complying with the prayers of Petition: but recommend to the consideration of the Town, further attention to the subject, and whether it may not be best that a Committee be appointed, and fully empowered,

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to transact all matters and things on the part of the Town re-
-lating said Road. which is submitted by

Bradford August 24th 1797 - Thomas Perley
Samuel Perley
Samuel Spofford Jr. } Committee
Moses Dorman

Voted to ~~[illegible]~~ appoint a Committee to consider the Petition of
Abraham Tyler & others.

Voted that Thomas Perley Esqr.
Mr. Nathl. Perley
Capt. Richard Peabody
Capt. Francis Perley
Decn. Moses Peabody

Be a Committee to consider the Petition of Abraham Tyler & others, for opening the Road leading from Ensn. Gideon Tyle Gate through said Tylers land, through the land of Capt. Jon-nathan Foster, Mr. Ephraim Foster, and Mr. Enoch Kimball to the Road leading from Andover to Topsfield, with full power to do & perform on the part of the Town, as to them may appear advisable and proper, all matters & things which do or may in any way or manner whatsoever appertain to, or have relation to the laying out, or opening the aforesaid way.

Voted to receive the report of the Committee chosen to take care of the Interest belonging to Mrs. Mary Matthews, and to appoint ~~[illegible]~~ suitable persons for that purpose.

Report, The Committee appointed to take care of the Interest be-belonging to Mrs. Mary Matthews ask leave to report — that after taking from her (in consideration of eight years Support) a Deed to the Town of all her Right & Interest in the Estate of her Brother Elijah Dorman deceased they stayed further proceeding untill the real situation of that Estate should be ascertained by a settlement of the Administration thereon,

that a settlement has lately been effected - after payment of Debts &c. there appears to remain, for the benefit of the Heirs, that part of the Estate in Dorchester in the County of Essex which was on the 29th day of June 1791 taken & set off to satisfy an Execution against the Estate of Elijah Porter Esqr Deceased, in favor of John Dorman in his capacity of Administrator on the Estate of the said Elijah Dorman as by the return of said Execution may appear one undivided part thereof belongs to Mrs Matthews which since set off as aforesaid has been in the possession of Jeremiah Learned Esqr with him the Committee have made an engagement for ~~settlement~~ settling the same. - There is also appertaining into said Heirs two or three small pieces of Land in Boston & not exceeding in the whole 2 Acres, likewise about 26 Dollars in the hands of the Administrator.

Ephraim Dorman one of the surviving Heirs of the said Elijah a few years past sold his share in the Estate situate in Topsfield, and has since deceased (Intestate as is supposed) who by gone half the Land in Boxford, & of the money in the hands of the Administrator, will belong to Mrs Matthews, which half of the money he is ready to advance on the Town's an engagement for refunding such part thereof as may be lawfully demanded by the Heirs or Devisees of the said Ephraim which is submitted by

Boxford August 2d 1797 - Thorndike Perley (in behalf of the Committee)

(viz. Thorndike Perley Esqr John Robinson Esqr & Asa Peabody)

Voted that the former Committee be a Committee, to obtain possession, manage, improve & lease, also to sell convey & confirm by Deed in the present situation as to them may appear advisable, one third part of the Real Estate situate in Topsfield in the County of Essex which was on the 29th day of June 1791 taken & set off to satisfy an Execution against the Estate of Elijah Porter Esqr Deceased in favor of John Dorman in his capacity of Administrator on the Estate of Elijah Dorman late of Boxford

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in s^d County Wheelwright Deceased, as by the return of s^d Execution may fully appear. which third part of the Estate taken & set off in manner aforesaid, having appertained to Mary Matthews of s^d Boston Widow in her right of as one of the Heirs to the Estate of her mother Elijah Dorman Dec^d. as aforesaid, and by the said Mary Matthews conveyed to the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston in consideration of eight years support: also to sell & convey by Deed one half the Real Estate appertaining to the Heirs of the said Elijah Dorman and situate in Boston, which has accrued to the Town in manner aforesaid

Voted that the Treasurer be hereby directed to receive from Hosea Dorman Administrator upon the Estate of Elijah Dorman late of Boston deceased, in the right of Mary Matthews one half of the money in his hands belonging to the Heirs of s^d Estate and for the safety of the s^d Administrator it is provided that if there shall hereafter appear any Assignment or Devise of Ephraim Dorman having a lawful claim to any part of the sum so received by the Treasurer, the same shall by the Town be reimbursed to the s^d Hosea Administrator as aforesaid.

Meeting Dissolved.

[illegible] Inhabitants of the Town of [illegible] within the County of [illegible] greeting.

[illegible] you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth [illegible] to notify [illegible] the [illegible] & [illegible] in the first Parish [illegible] qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet & assemble [illegible] on [illegible] the 11th Day of [illegible] Instant at [illegible] o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles, viz.)

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] necessary [illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] & [illegible]

[illegible] the Town will accept [illegible] built in the [illegible] & [illegible] order payment in the usual way.

Hereof fail not, make due return of this warrant with your doings [illegible] the [illegible] time & place [illegible] as you will answer your default under the pains & penalties of the Law in that case made and provided.

Dated at Norford 7th of October 1797

Thomas Paley Enos Kunnels Samuel Staley Samuel Bedford Jr. Moses Lorman	Selectmen of Norford

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of said Parish qualified as therein Expressed, to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Norford October 10th 1797 Elisha Goulds Constable

Another warrant of the same tenor & date, Issued by the above named Selectmen whereby the Inhabitants who are qualified to vote in Town meetings - living in the Second Parish in Norford were legally warned to meet at time & place.

At a legal Town meeting h[eld] in the meeting house in the first Parish in Boxford 4th October 1797

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator.

Voted to give the [illegible] Soldiers [illegible] [illegible] from the [illegible] Companies in Boxford, (agreeable [illegible]) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Voted that provided the Soldiers be called into actual service, each Soldier [illegible] (together with their [illegible]) eight Dollars pr month.

Voted to accept the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in payment in the [illegible] [illegible].
Meeting Dissolved.

This seventh Day of November 1797 The Subscribers, Select men of Ipswich and Boxford on due notice met & Perambulated the Line, and renewed the Bounds between the respective Towns. — Beginning at the Apple tree in Majr Asa Perley's field; thence to a heap of Stones in his pasture; thence to a heap of Stones on a hill, in said Perley's land; thence to a heap of Stones on the side of a Ridge; in Land of Allen Perley's. thence to a white oak Stump with Stones about it, being a corner bound between Rowley and Boxford.

Nathl Kimball Jr } Selectmen of Ipswich
Jabez Farley }

Thomas Perley } Selectmen of Boxford
Samuel Perley }

We the Subscribers met this 20th Day of December 1797 and Peram-
bulated the Line, and renewed the bounds between Topsfield &
Boxford in the following manner viz. Beginning at a
[illegible] [illegible], in the [illegible] of Aaron Perley's field thence to a Stake
and heap of Stones at the Southerly corner of [illegible] [illegible] (so
called) thence to where the water runs through the Dam, ~~thence~~
[illegible] [illegible] House called [illegible] Dam thence to a
Stake & Stones by the Fishing Rock, on the Easterly side of a
Rivulet running into s^d Brook, which runs up to Ipswich
River (so called) thence up said River to Middleton Line.

Benjn. Bixby
Dudley Bradstreet } Selectmen of Topsfield

Thomas Perley
Samuel Perley } Selectmen of Boxford –

By Virtue of a Law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and
in Compliance with the request of a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Boxford we have appointed, and do hereby appoint M^r. Luke
Hovey, as Measurer of Wood and Bark exposed to sale within
said Town, untill the next annual Town meeting in
March next to be allowed four Cents for measuring a
Cord of Wood or Bark, or a load of Wood or Bark.

Boxford December 18th 1797

Thomas Perley
Enos Runnels
Sam^ll. Perley
Samuel Spofford Jr.
Moses Dorman } Selectmen of Boxford.

Know all Men by these Presents, that we the Subscribers in the fifth School-district in the Town of Morford in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Nathan Kimball, Samuel Spofford Jr. and John Kimball yeoman being chosen a Committee by said District to convey to the Town the School house lately built in the fifth School district with the Land on which said House stands, in compliance with a vote of the Town passed at a meeting on the tenth day of Novemr. 1791 - and further confirmed by another vote passed on the eleventh day of March last, and and in the consideration of the Sum of one Hundred Dollars as a full compensation for said House payed by the said Town to the subscribers and Committee of said House and Land, do by these Presents hereby sell and convey to the said Town the School House and Land now in the fifth School district. -

To have and to hold use & improve by keeping a School therein as the property of the Town forever, and that we will warrant, ~~and defend~~ secure and defend the same from any person or persons, from, by, or under us, claiming said House or Land, ~~in~~

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and Seals -

Morford January 10th 1798 - in presence of us
Stephen Kimball
John S. Momar

Nathan Kimball Seal
Samuel Spofford Jr. Seal
John Kimball Seal

To Elisha Gould one of the Constables of the Town of Norford Greeting

[illegible] name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the first Parish in said Town, qualified to vote in Town meetings, [illegible] such as pay to one single tax, besides the Poll, or Polls a sum equal to two thirds of an single Poll tax, to meet and assemble at the meeting house in said first Parish, on Tuesday the thirteenth day of March Instant, at ten o'Cock in the forenoon on said day, to act on the following Articles. —

1st To appoint a Moderator.

2 To choose Town Officers the present year as the Law directs.

3 To see if the Town will vote to mend the Highways and Town Roads, by a Rate the year ensuing; if so, then to raise a suitable sum of money for that purpose, and to determine the sum which shall be allowed pr. day for a man working on the Roads; how much for a Yoke of Oxen, how much for a Cart and how much for a Plough pr. day —

4th To see if the Town will order that the money raised to repair and amend the Highways be apportioned, assessed and paid in the same manner as was done in the past, and to adopt any measures which may appear proper, relative to repairing the Highways the ~~present~~ ensuing year. —

6th To see if the choose a School Committee.

7th To see if the Town will vote that the Swine gat large

5th To see what sum of money the Town will raise for Schooling the present year, and what part thereof shall be appropriated for a woman's School.

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8th To see if the Town will vote ~~that~~ to settle with the pro=prietors of the Road leading from the School House near Capt. Jonathan Foster's, to the Road near Mr. Israel Adams's Barn and pay for said Road and fencing agreeable to the request of Capt. Jonathan Foster and others.

9th To see if the ~~annual~~ Town will vote, that the ~~to~~ annual meetings for the choice of Town Officers &c. be held in future on the first monday in April.

10th To allow Mills of charge.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings hereon to us the subscribers at time and place, as you would answer your default under the pains and penalty of the Law in that behalf made & provided.

Morford March 1st 1790

Thomas Perley
Enos Runnels
Samuel Perley
Samuel Spofford Jr.
Moses Dorman
} Selectmen of Morford

Borford 12th March 1790

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the Inha=bitants of said parish, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within men=tioned.

Morford 13 March 1790 — Elisha Gould Constable

Another warrant of the same tenure & date, issued by the above named Selectmen whereby the Inhabitants of the second Parish who are qualified to vote in town meetings were legally warned to meet at time & place.

At a legal Town meeting held in the meeting house in the first parish in Bosford 13th March 1798 -

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator.
+ Chose Parker Spofford Town Clerk.
+ Chose Thomas Perley Esqr } Selectmen and Assessors
Ensn Enos Runnels
+ Mr Moses Dorman
+ Mr Samuel Spofford Jun.
+ Mr Samuel Perley

+ Ensn Daniel Gould } Constables
Mr John Tyler
Mr Asa Peabody Treasur

Messrs Oliver Peabody } Surveyors of Highways.
× Timothy Dorman
× Capt Joseph Symonds
× Thomas Dressor
+ Ensn Aniell Stickney
Parker Spofford
× Abraham Tyler
Lt Moses Carleton
Daniel Peabody
Thomas Chadwick
× John Kimball
Jacob Andrews

Mr Simeon Stiles } Fence-viewers
Lt Jacob Gould
Capt Richard Peabody
Mr Luke Hovey
Mr Joseph Carleton

Mr Abraham Tyler } Tything Men
Tyler Porter
× Benja Spofford
Capt Francis Perley

Mr Aaron Perley sealer of weights & Measures

Messrs John Giddings
Stephen Tyler } Hog-reaves
× Amos Kimball
Joseph Carleton
Israel Herrick

Nathl Perley } Surveyor of Lumber
Lt Ebenezar Peabody

Israel Herrick } Field-driven
× Ephraim Foster

Asa Peabody } pound-keepers
Samuel Chadwick

Those persons with this × mark against his name have ~~been~~ taken the Oath.

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Voted- to mend the Highways and Town Roads by a Rate, the present year.

Voted- to raise four Hundred Dollars for the above purpose.

Voted- to allow a man p.r day 90 Cents.- A yoke of Oxen 50 Cents.- A Cart 25 Cents, and for a Plough 50 Cents.

Voted- that the money raised to repair and amend the Highways and Town Roads be apportioned, ~~and~~ assessed and paid in the same manner it was done the year past

Voted- to appoint a Committee to assist the several Surveyors in repairing and amending those Bridges they may think necessary; in the ~~most~~ most eligible way for the benefit, and advantage of the Town.

Chose Cap.t Richard Peabody
M.r Nath.ll Perley
Thomas Perley Esq.r
} for the above purpose.

Voted- to raise five Hundred Dollars for the purpose of Schooling the present year.

Voted- to appropriate one Hundred and twenty five Dollars of the above sum, for the purpose of a Woman's School the present year.

Voted- to choose a School Committee.

Chose- John Robinson Esq.r
L. Moses Carleton
M.r Lemuel Wood
M.r Samuel Spofford J.r
Cap.t Joseph Symonds
Doc.r Elias Weld
M.r Joseph Symonds J.r
Cap.t Francis Perley
Thomas Perley Esq.r
} for said Committee

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Voted - that the Swine go at large the present year.

Voted - to appoint a Committee to settle with the proprietors of the Mead, leading from the School house near Capt. Jonathan Foster to the Mead near Mr. Israel Adams's Barn.

Chose Capt. Michaid Peabody
Thomas Perley Esqr.
John Robinson Esqr.
} Committee for the above purpose.

Voted - that the Annual Meetings for the Choice of Town Officers, be held in future, on the first Monday in April.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the first monday in April. at two o'Clock in the afternoon.

April 2d - 1790 -

The Town met according to adjournment.

Voted to excuse Mr. Asa Peabody from serving Treasurer the present year.

Chose Capt. Francis Perley Now Treasurer, in the room of Mr. Asa Peabody.

Voted to accept of Mr. Lemuel Wood to serve as Constable, in the room of Mr. John Tyler the present year. and Sd. Wood has been sworn

Voted to reconsider the vote viz. That the Annual Meetings for the Choice of Town Officers be held in future on the first Monday in April.

Voted to allow Asa Peabody ten Dollars, for his service as Treasurer for the year 1797 —

Meeting Dissolved.

To Jonathan Kimball one of the Constables
of the Town of Boxford Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the second Parish, living in the town of Boxford, being twenty one years of age and upwards having a free hold Estate within the Commonwealth of the Annual income of three pounds, or any Estate to the value of Sixty Pounds — and all such as are qualified to vote in Town meetings, to meet at the Meeting-house in the first Parish on Monday the second day of April next at one o'Clock in the after noon, to give in their votes for a Governor Lt. Governor Senators and Councillors, agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth — and to act on the following Articles.

1st To appoint a Moderator.

2d To see if the Town will allow and accept of a particular and private way laid out by the Selectmen, conformable to the written Petition of Mr Ephraim Chaffee, from his improved land which he purchased of Mr Solomon Tenney of the [illegible] of Mr Moses Wood which he purchased of Mr [illegible], ~~[illegible]~~ to said Chaffee's other improved land which he purchased of Mr Thomas Spofford — which way is for the use of the sd Chaffee only —

3d To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to dispose of the Shovels, narrow-axes and Pick-axes which belong to the Town.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant to the [illegible] at time and place, as you would answer your default under the pains and penalties of the Law in that behalf made and provided.

Dated Boxford March 16th 1798 — Thomas Perley, Enos [illegible], Moses Dorman, Samuel Spofford, Samuel [illegible] } Selectmen of Boxford.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of sd Town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place & for the purposes within expressed.

Monford 2d April 1798 — Nathan Kimball Constable

Another warrant of the same tenor & date issued by the above named Selectmen whereby the Inhabitants of the first District in sd Monford whose qualified to vote in Town meetings, were legally warned to meet at time and place.

At a legal Town meeting held in the meeting-house in the first Parish in Monford April 2d 1798 — for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lt Governor, Senators & Counsellors — Voted for the following persons were given in, counted & sorted, & Declaration thereof made as by Constitution directed.

	No. Votes	
Hon. Increase Sumner	24.	for Governor.
Hon. Moses Gill	23	for Lt. Govr

	No. Votes	
Stephen Choate Esqr	17	Senators.
Samuel Phillips Esqr	17	
John Norris Esqr	17	
Ebenezar Marsh Esqr	17	
Nathl March Esqr	11	
Nathan Dane Esqr	6	

Above Thomas Tyler Esqr Moderator.

The Subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Monford, on the written Petition of Ephraim Foster, praying that a way may be located for an open road through the Land of Mr Moses Wood, which he lately bought of Mr John Tyler, leading from the Land the said Foster purchased of Solomon Johnny, to the Land he purchased of Thomas Pofford —

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having given due notice of the time and place of meeting, after viewing the way prayed for, and hearing the parties Interested therein, are of opinion that said way is convenient and necessary for the use of said Foster, and have laid out the same in manner following (viz.) Beginning at a Stake & Stones, the Northerly side of the Land which Ephraim Foster purchased of Solomon Tenney; thence north Seventy six Degrees east by the needle ~~for~~ five polls & fifteen Links, over the Land of Moses Wood, to a Stake and Stones at the edge of ~~the~~ a Swamp, by land which the said Foster purchased of Thomas Spofford, to be a particular and open way for the use of said Foster — one Rod & an half wide; on the southerly side of the afore said Mounds and line: — And according to the best of our Judgement, have Estimated the damages sustained by Mr. Moses Wood, at the sum of Seven Dollars, to be paid to him by the said Ephraim Foster.

Thomas Perley
Emos Runnels
Moses Dorman
Saml. Spofford Jr.
Samuel Perley
} Selectmen of Mosford

Mosford March 30th 1798 —

Voted — to accept of the above Mentioned Road, as laid out by the above named Selectmen.

Voted to pass ~~over~~ over the third Article in the warrant.

Meeting Dissolved.

To Daniel Gould one of the Constables of the Town of Hanover greeting.—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one year next preceding — having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of Sixty pounds, and all such as are qualified to vote in Town-meetings, to meet at the meting-house of the first Parish in said Town, on Thursday the seventeenth day of May next, at three O'Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their votes for a Representative, to Represent them in the general Court, appointed to be convened & held at Boston, on the last Wednesday in May next — and to act on the following Articles (viz)

1st To appoint a Moderator.—

2d To raise a suitable sum of Money to defray the arrears & arising charges the current year.—

3d To receive the report of the School Committee.—

4th To receive the Report of the [illegible] Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, managing and Leasing the Estate devised to the Town, by the Hon. Aaron Hobart Esqr and to take any measures which the Town may judge proper, relating to the subject.

5th To receive the reports of the Committee appointed to manage & dispose of the real & Estate accruing to the Town by a Deed from Mary Mathews.—

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings hereon to the subscribers at time and place, as you would answer your default under the pains and penalties of the Law in that behalf made and provided.

Turn over for the rest of the proceedings

Dated at Boxford the 30th day of April 1798

Thomas Perley
Enos Runnels
Moses Dorman
Samuel Spofford Jr.
Samuel Perley

} Selectmen of Boxford

Pursuant to this warrant, I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of Boxford to meet at the time and place, appointed, for the within named purpose.

Boxford May 7th 1798 —
Daniel [illegible] Constable.

At a legal Town meeting held in the meeting house in the first Parish in Boxford May 17th 1798 — for the purpose of appointing some suitable person to Represent the aforesaid Town at the General Court appointed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] votes [illegible] given in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] qualification therof [illegible] by Constitution required viz.

	voters	
Thomas Perley Esq.	14	for Representative
David Kimball	3	
Samuel Kimball	3	
[illegible] Francis Perley	1	

Chose Thomas Perley Esq. Representer.

Voted to raise Six Hundred and fifty dollars to defray the [illegible] & [illegible] of [illegible] the present year.

Voted that the Reports of the Committee appointed to take the care and Direction of the manner of improving, managing and leasing the Estate Devised to the Town, by the ~~[illegible]~~ Hon. Aaron Wood Esq. for the years 1797 and 1798 be on Record.

Voted That the annual Reports of the above Committee after being recorded — pass to the Selectmen, and be kept on file by them, who are directed annually to inspect the same, and make such Representations to the Town, or to the Committee, as they may see advisable, for better securing the Estate, or any parts thereof.

Voted — That the report of the Committee appointed to manage and dispose of the Real Estate arising [illegible] their Decease — be on Record.

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, managing and leasing the Estate of Devised to the Town by the ~~[illegible]~~ Hon. Aaron Wood Esq. beg leave to Report

That, on the 17th of April last, they received — and on the 18th paid into the Treasury 125 Dollars and 67 Cents, being one years Interest arising on 2061 Dollars and 33 Cents, the whole amount of the Principal secured by Bonds — all of which Bonds

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with Principal and Sureties, stand as mentioned in the last annual Report, excepting the Bond of Aaron Nelson's, for 61 Dollars which has been exchanged for another of the same sum, dated April 7th 1777, wherein Nathaniel Nelson is principal with Aaron Nelson and Solomon Nelson as Sureties.

Pursuant to the votes of the Town respecting the benevolence of the Hon.ble [illegible] Esq.r the Committee have procured a Monument of Stone, with the proper inscription thereon; Embellished with a Crown [illegible] engravings [illegible] by the application of Mr Thomas [illegible] and [illegible] on a [illegible] hewn Stone; the heighth of the whole being eight feet and ten Inches. The [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] about £ 3 [illegible]

[illegible] May 19th 1777 — Thomas [illegible], Francis Bailey

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The Committee appointed to take the care & [illegible] of the manner of improving, managing & securing the Estate Devised to the Town by the Hon.ble [illegible] beg leave to Report That about the seventeenth April last they received & paid into the Treasury one Hundred and twenty [illegible] & [illegible] Cents, being one year's Interest arising on $2061..33, which

the whole amount of the Principal funded to the Town by Bonds with Principals and Securities the same as at the last annual report which is submitted

Morford May 17th 1798

Thomas Perley
John Robinson

The Committee appointed to manage and dispose of the Real Estate accruing to Mary Mathews Disceased, as an Heir to the Estate of Elijah Dorman Disceased, lisk leave to Report — That the part of said Estate which formerly belonged to Elijah ~~D~~ Porter Esqr. Deceased, being found in the possession of Nehemiah Clearland Esqr. — To him they sold the Jan. 1 last for the Consideration of Sixty Dollars, & gave a Warrantry on the part of the Town to Defend the premisses including all demands of Rent for past improvement against the Lawfull Claims of all persons holding under Joseph Matthews, Mary Matthews, Elijah Dorman & Ephraim Dorman or either of them. — They have not sold the other small pieces of Land in Morford, which are owned in Common and undivided with Land of Samuel Dorman, who stands in need of any small profits that may arise by the improvement thereof.

Morford May 1798 —

Thomas Perley
John Robinson
Asa Peabody

To Ens.r Daniel Gould, one of the Constables of the Town of Morford Greeting. —

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the first Parish of said Morford, who are qualified by law to vote in Town-meetings viz. (such as pay to one single tax besides the Poll or Polls, a sum equal to two thirds of a single poll tax;) to meet and assemble at the meeting-house in said first Parish, on Wednesday the twenty-sixth day of Sept. Instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles — viz.

1st. To appoint a Moderator. —

2d. To see if the Town will vote to furnish the training-band of Morford, with Powder for the Regimental-muster, to be made use of, as directed by Col.n Lovejoy. —

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings hereon to the subscribers at time and place — as you would answer your default under the pains and penalties of the Law, in that behalf made & provided.

Morford Sept.r 22d 1798 —

Enos Runnels
Moses Dorman
Samuel Spofford Jr.
} Selectmen of Morford

Pursuant to the above named, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants — to meet at time and place appointed, as the Law directs.

Morford September 26th.

Daniel Gould Constable

Another warrant of the same tenure & date, issued by the above named Selectmen — whereby the Inhabitants of the second Parish in Morford who are qualified to vote in town meetings, were legally warned to meet at time & place.

At a legal Town-meeting held in the meeting house in the first parish in Morford Sept.r 26th 1798. —

Chose Ens.n Enos Munnels Moderator. —

Voted 1st To furnish the training-band of the Town of Morford, with powder for the Regimental-muster, to be made use of as directed by Col.n Lovejoy.

Voted 2d To allow each training Soldier on said muster Day, w one ¼ lb. of powder — and that the Select-men deliver the same.

Meeting Dissolved.

To Lemuel Wood one of the Constables within the Town of Borford greeting. —

You are hereby required in the name of the Commo=wealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Male Inhabitants of the second Parish in said Town, being twentyone years of age, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual income of three pounds, or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds, and all such as are quallified to vote in Town-meetings, to assemble and meet at the meeting-house in the first Parish in said town on Monday the fifth day of November next ensuing at two o'Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of giving in their votes for Representative in the fourth middle District to the Congress of the United States Also to act on the following Articles viz.

1st. To appoint a Moderator.

2d. To allow Bills of charge.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings hereon to the subscribers at time and place as you will answer your default under the pains and penalties of the Law in that case made and provided.

Dated Borford the 8th day of Octr 1790 — Thomas Perley, Enos Munnels, Moses Dorman, Samuel Spofford Jr, Samuel Perley } Selectmen of Borford

Borford Novr 3d 1790 —

Pursuant to the within, I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of the second Parish in said town, quallified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place, and for the purposes within mentioned.

Lemuel Wood Constable

Another warrant of the same tenor and date Issued by the aforementioned Select men, whereby the male Inhabitants of the first Parish of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town meeting were legally warned to meet at time and place.

Parker Stofford T. Clerk.

At a legal Town meeting held in the meeting house in the first Parish in Norford Nov.r 5.th 1790 - for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative in the fourth middle District, to the Congress of the United States

Hon. Bailey Bartlett Esq.r 19 votes

Chose Thomas Terley Esq.r Moderator.

Voted to allow Abraham Tyler's Bill of charge which was exhibited to the Town, of - $. 2 " 54

Voted to allow Capt. Joseph Symonds Bill of charge which was exhibited to the Town, of - $. 10 " 50

Voted to allow Jesse Terley's Bill of charge which was exhibited to the Town, of - $. 12 " 75

Meeting Disolved.

To Daniel Gould one of the Constables of the Town of Borford — Greeting —

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the first Parish of said Town qualified to vote in Town-meetings, to assemble & meet at the meeting-house in said first Parish on Tuesday the 26th day of February Instant at two o'Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (viz.

1st To appoint a Moderator

2d To see if the Town will vote to take Forty eight Dollars of the money appropriated for the fifth School District in said Town, towards the building and finishing a School-house in said District, agreeably to the request of Nathan Kimball and others. —

Thereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings hereon to the Subscribers at time and place, as you would answer your default under the pains and penalty of the Law in that behalf made and provided.

Dated at Borford the 14th day of February 1799. —

Enos Runnels
Moses Dorman
Samuel Spofford Jr.
} Selectmen of Borford

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have duly notified the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the sd. Parish of B. qualified by Law to vote in town meetings, to meet the time & place appointed as the Law Directs

Daniel Gould Constable

Another warrant of the same tenure and date Issued by the aforementioned Selectmen to Lemuel Woodone of the Constables of the Town of Norford, whereby the Inhabitants of the Second Parish in the Town of Norford, who are qualified to vote in town-meetings, were legally warned to meet at time & place.

Parker Spofford T. Clerk

At a legal town-meeting held at the meeting in the first Parish in Norford February 26th 1799 —

1st Chose Ensn Enos Runnels Moderator.

2d Voted to allow the fifth School District in said town, to take Forty eight Dollars of their proportion of the money raised in the town for the purpose of Schooling, to finish the School-house in said District. —

Meeting Disolved.

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting-House of the First Parish of Boxford March 12th. 1799.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator.
Chose Moses Gorman Town Clerk.

Town Officers

David Thimbell
Israel Adams
Nathan Andrews jur.
} Selectmen and

Israel Foster
Amos Perley
} Assessors

Meeting adjourned

Voted to adjourn the Meeting to Monday the first day of April next at 1 O'clock in the afternoon

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Meeting for choice of Governor, &c.

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting-House of the First Parish of Boxford April 1st. 1799 for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lieut Governor, Senators and Counsellors — Votes for the following persons were given in, counted and sorted and declaration thereof made as directed by the Constitution —

	No. of Votes	
Hon. Increase Sumner	40	for Governor
Hon. William Heath	3	
Hon. Moses Gill	30	for Lt. Governor

Votes for Senators.

Samuel Phillips Esqr.	39	Senators.
Stephen Choat Esqr.	40	
Ebenezer March Esqr.	40	
John Treadwell Esqr.	40	
Nathaniel Marsh Esqr.	40	
John Hathorn Esqr.	4	
Docr. Thomas Kittridge	5	
John Manning Esqr.	3	
Jacob Crowninshield	4	
John Norris Esqr.	1	
Nathan Dane Esqr.	1	
Israel Hutchinson	5	
Francis Cabot Esqr.	1	

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator.

Voted to choose a School Committee.

Chose Capt. Ivory Hovey,
Ensn Enos Runnels,
Lt Samuel Chadwick,
Tyler Porter,
Simeon Stiles,
Samuel Kimball,
Joseph Symonds Jr
Dn Parker Spofford
Thomas Perley Esqr
} School Committee

Meeting brought agreeably to adjournment

Voted to excuse Mr David Kimball from serving as a Selectman and Assessor.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Selectman and Assessor, in the place of David Kimball.

Town Officers

Chose Capt. Joseph Symonds
Mr David Wood
} Constables

Chose Deacon Parker Spofford Treasurer

Chose Moses Gould,
Joseph Smith,
Dn Moses Peabody,
Aaron Perley,
Stephen Peabody,
Oliver Perley,
Joseph Carlton,
Stephen Tyler,
John Pearl Jr,
Aaron Robinson,
John Tyler,
Samuel Gould
} Surveyors of Highways.

Chose Simeon Stiles,
Daniel Kimball,
Tyler Porter,
Moses Wood.
} Tythingmen.

Chose Lemuel Wood,
Nathan Kimball,
Nathan Andrews Jr
Asa Peabody
} Fenceviewers

Carried over

Brought over

Chose Oliver Peabody,
John Giddings,
Ens^{n} Enos Putnam,
Stephen Tyler
} Hogreeves.

Chose David Kimball. Sealer of Wt^{s} and measure.

Chose Israel Foster. Sealer of Leather.

Chose Aaron Perley,
Benj^{a} Parker Spofford
} Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose John Giddings,
Abraham Tyler
} Field Drivers.

Chose Asa Peabody,
Lt Samuel Chadwick
} Pound keepers

Voted to mend the Highways and Town Roads by a Rate the present year.

Money for the repair of highways.

Voted to raise four hundred dollars for the above purpose.

Voted to allow a man per day, working on the Roads, seventy five cents, for a yoke of oxen forty cents for a Cart twenty cents and for a plough forty cents per day.

Voted that the money raised to repair and amend the Highways and Town Roads, be apportioned, assessed, and paid in the same manner which it was done the year past.

Money for schooling.

Voted to raise four hundred dollars for the purpose of schooling the present year.

For a Woman School.

Voted to appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars of the above sum for the purpose of a Woman School the present year.

Voted that the swine go at large the present year.

Voted to refer the seventh article in the Warrant to the May Meeting.

Voted to pass over the eighth article in the Warrant.

Voted to allow Mr. Oliver Peabody's bill of charge of five dollars and seventy eight cents for plank and timber which he procured for the repair of bridges.

Voted to adjourn till the May meeting.

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting House of the First Parish in Boxford, May 15th 1799. for the purpose of appointing some suitable person to represent the aforesaid Town at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston, on the last Wednesday of said May. Votes for the following persons were given in, counted and sorted, and declaration thereof made as required by the Constitution, viz.)

Thomas Perley Esq.r	44 Votes	For Representative
Mr. Samuel Holyoke	1	

Chose Thomas Perley Esq.r Moderator.

Money raised. Voted to raise five hundred dollars to defray the charges of the Town the present year.

Voted that the Report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of leasing and improving the Estate of the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq.r for the year 1799 go on record.

Committee Report. — The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of leasing and improving the Estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq.r ask leave to report, that on the 17th — 27th and 29th days of April last, they received of the several persons, from whom the same was due, one hundred twenty three dollars and ninety seven cents — and on the thirtieth of said April paid that sum into the Treasury, being one years income arising by the improvement of said Estate, which is now held and secured in the same manner as was stated in a former report of May 6th, 1796.

Boxford, May 15th, 1799. Thomas Perley, John Robinson } Committee

Voted to excuse Capt. Francis Perley from serving as one of the Committee to take the care and management of the Estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq.r

Chose Mr. Stephen Spofford to serve in the place of Capt. Francis Perley.

Voted that the Committee appointed to take the care and management, of leasing and improving, the Estate devised to the Town by the late Hon. Aaron Wood Esq.r deceased, be directed to call on the persons from whom the interest of the above said Estate is due, in case they do not make punctual payments.

Voted to choose a Committee to confer with, and to assist the Surveyors of Highways, as far as they may judge proper, in repairing of Bridges, and in rebuilding with stone where it can be prudentially effected, any wooden Bridges which may be found unfit for use.

Committee to assist surveyors

Chose Mr. Nathaniel Perley, Capt. Richard Peabody, and Capt. Joseph Symonds } Committee for the above purpose.

Voted to pass over the fifth article in the Warrant which was to see if the Town will give any directions to the Selectmen in respect to the Widow Whitable Hall, now under their care.

Voted to accept Mr. Samuel Wood to serve as Constable within the place of Mr. David Wood.

Voted that the Report of the Committee, respecting the Road from the School House near Capt. Jonathan Fowler's, to Mr. Israel Adams' Barn, go on record.

Voted to allow Capt. Francis Perley nine dollars for his service as Treasurer the year past. Voted.

Voted to allow Thomas Perley Esq.r his Bill for time and expence as a Committee to take the care and direction of the manner of leasing and improving the Estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq.r from December 1794, to October 1798. nine dollars and thirty three cents. ——

allowed

Voted to allow John Robinson Esq.r his Bill as a Committee for the above written purpose for time and expence from August 1793 to April 1799, seven dollars and twenty five cents.

Bill allowed

Report

The Committee appointed to settle with the Proprietors of the Road leading from the School house near Capt.n Jonathan Foster's, to the Road near Mr. Israel Adams' Barn, ask leave to report, that having attentively examined the Records of the Town relative to said Road, have judged that it is most proper to give a statement of such facts as they have been able to obtain, that the Town may take such further order thereon as may be ~~considered~~ most advisable.

By the Records it appears, that in March 1733/4. a road was accepted, as it had been previously laid out by the Selectmen from the County Road between the Houses of Messrs. John Kimball and Jonathan Foster, between said Kimball and Foster's land, and so on between land of Jonathan Foster and Nathan Kimball and Zebediah Foster, and so across said Foster's land and Richard Tyler's and Samuel Tyler's land, and across Samuel Spofford's land to the County Road by Samuel Spofford's House. said Road to be two rods wide through said lands. ——

Report continued.

At a Town Meeting March 8th 1760. Voted to accept of a Road lately laid out from a gate between Richard Tyler's land and land of Capt. Isaac Adams, Northerly, near said Tyler's House to the County Road near said Adams's Barn, and null the former Road laid out from said Gate to the Country Road near Amos Hosford's Barn.—

At a Town Meeting March 8th 1774. Voted to open the Road from the School House near Moses Kimball's to the Country Road near Capt. Isaac Adams' Barn.—

At a Town Meeting March 13th, 1701. The Town chose a Committee to view the Road from the School-house near Capt. Jonathan Foster's, to the Road near Capt. Isaac Adams's Barn, to make enquiry into the Circumstances necessary for the Town to be informed of— and make report.— And said Committee at a Meeting the 21st of May 1701. Reported, the Proprietors of said Road, will, each of them, give their land one and an half rod wide and their fencing, until such time as some other Road shall be paid for in the Town, excepting such Roads as are already accepted, Reuben Gragg excepted, who is to have pay for the Road through his land— said Road to be fenced out in one year from that time.— which Report was accepted. And in March 1707 Reuben Gragg had a compensation.——

The Committee are further informed that a part of the aforesaid way, viz. from the Road near Capt. Foster's, thence on, almost to Mr. Nathan Kimball's, was opened in a few years after the original laying out thereof in 1733. and long before any other proceedings of the Town were had thereon.—

and.

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And the Committee are also informed that some part of this way had been made narrower many years after it was first opened. The other part of the way from near Mr. Nathan Kimball's on to the Road by Mr. Adams' Barn, was not (as the Committee are informed) laid open until several years after the 13th of May 1781. — When the Committee were on the Road in October last, they found it had been been laid open some years past, and lately made wider in several places, and much of the way was then one rod and one half rod wide, but a considerable part thereof was of a less width. —

All which is respectfully submitted by

Boxford March 2d, 1799.

Richard Peabody,
John Robinson,
Thomas Perley.
} Committee

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting House of the First Parish in Boxford September 16, 1799.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator.

Committee to meet a Court's Committee

Voted to appoint a Committee, to meet a Committee from the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to view a way prayed for by Jacob Kimball and others.

Chose Mr. Samuel Kimball,
Thomas Perley Esqr.
& Capt. Richard Peabody.
} Committee for the above written purpose.

Committee in behalf of the Town to defend in the action of Nathan Kimball.

Voted to choose a Committee to appear and defend in the action brought against the Town by Mr. Nathan Kimball for damages on the Road from the School-House to Mr. Adams', and also, fully to impower them to settle with said Kimball, and other claimers on said Road, in any way which to them may appear eligible.

Carried over.

Chose.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Capt Richard Peabody & Mr. Nathaniel Perley } Committee for the afore-mentioned purpose.

Voted to appoint a Committee to repair the Pound in the First Parish of said Boxford.

Committee to repair the Pound

Chose Capt. Joseph Symmonds, Mr. David Kimball & Mr. Nathaniel Perley. } Committee to repair said Pound.

Voted that the above Committee view said Pound, and judge, in their opinion, the most eligible measures, whether to repair, or rebuild said Pound, and to give proper notice thereof and that the work be performed by the lowest bidder.

To repair or rebuild said Pound.

Meeting adjourned

Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the 24 day of September instant, at 4 O'Clock in the afternoon.

Agreeably to adjournment, the Town convened at the Meeting House in said first Parish of Boxford, and proceeded as follows

Report of the Committee in behalf of the Town in the Action of Nathan Kimball.

The Committee chosen to appear and defend, in the Action brought against the Town by Mr. Nathan Kimball for damages on the Road leading from the fifth School-House in said Town, to the Road near Mr. Israel Adams' and also, impowered to settle with said Kimball and other claimers of said Road in any way which to them may appear eligible

Ask leave to report, that they have, on the part of the Town, agreed with the several claimers, to refer their respective demands to the determination of Mr. Jeremiah Pearsons, Moody Thofford Esqr. and Capt. Nathaniel Hammond, who have met, heard the parties and determined, that the Town of Boxford pay Capt. Jonathan Fowler thirteen dollars; Mr. John Kimball twelve

dollars.

Report on Interest

dollars and fifty cents, Mr. Nathan Kimball eighty four dollars; Mr. Joseph Carlton thirty dollars, and Mr. Israel Adams thirty nine dollars. The demands of the Referees for their services, was eight dollars and twenty five cents, which by their award, was ordered and paid, one half by the claimers, and the other half by the Committee in behalf of the Town. The whole amount of the sums awarded the several claimers being one hundred and seventy eight dollars and fifty cents. —

Boxford September 26th 1799. Thomas Perley, Richard Peabody } Committee

Voted to accept the above Report.

Meeting Dissolved —

At a Legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting House of the First Parish in Boxford March 11th 1800.

Chose Thomas Perley Esq. Moderator.

Chose Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

Town Officers

Chose Thomas Perley Esq.
Mr. Israel Adams,
Nathan Andrews Jun.
Israel Foster,
Amos Perley. } Selectmen and Assessors

Chose Stephen Peabody
Samuel Carlton Jun. } Constables.

Chose David Kimball Jun. } Treasurer

Carried over

Chose.

Chose Oliver Peabody,
Jacob Andrews,
Henry Perley,
John Giddings,
Israel Herrick,
Stephen Spofford,
Samuel Perley,
Israel Adams,
Jonathan Foster Jun.r
Simeon Cole,
Samuel Chadwick,
Joseph Wood Jun.r

Surveyors of Highways.

Chose Nathaniel Perley,
Cornelius Gould,
Ens.n Enos Hummels.
Capt.n Ivory Hovey.

Sythingmen.

Chose Aaron Perley,
Capt.n Richard Peabody,
Lt.n Ebenezer Peabody,
John Tyler.

Fenceviewers.

Chose Asa Peabody,
Ens.n Joseph Symonds Jun.r
Daniel Peabody,
John Kimball

Hogreves

Chose Deacon Parker Spofford

Sealer of Weights and measures

Chose Aaron Perley
Samuel Carlton Jun.r

Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose Lt.n Moses Carlton
Edmund Herrick

Fielddrivers.

Chose Asa Peabody
Lieut.n Samuel Chadwick.

Poundkeepers.

Chose Capt. Ivory Hovey,
Ens.r Enos Runnels,
Israel Adams,
Nathan Kimball,
Samuel Kimball,
Asa Foster,
Capt. Jacob Gould Jun.r
Deacon Parker Stafford
Nathaniel Perley

School Committee

Voted to mend the Highways and Town Roads by a Rate the present year.

Money raised for the repair of Highways

Voted to raise four hundred dollars for the above purpos.

Voted to allow a man per day, working on the Roads, seventy five cents; for a yoke of Oxen forty cents; for a Cart forty twenty cents, and for a Plough forty cents per day.

Voted, that the money raised to repair and amend the Highways and Town Roads, be apportioned, assessed and paid in the same manner which it was done the last year.

Voted that the Swine go at large the present year

The Committee appointed to attend the building and repairing Bridges in 1799. ask leave to make the following report, viz.

Committee's report respecting the Bridge near Mr. Lawrs Mill

That the Bridge, near Mr. Nathan Low's Mill, built of timber and plank, was found in a ruinous condition — and judging that to rebuild with stone in a proper manner, was more than could be effected by the Surveyors of Highways with the help of the district, and to build with stone was supposed would eventually be a saving to the Town, and accordingly gave public notice of the time and place of receiving proposals for finding materials and building the

Bridge.

Report Continued.

Bridge; when Mr. Nathaniel Perley's proposals were for the lowest sum mentioned, he agreeing to do the whole for thirty dollars- and to receive such part thereof in labour as could be obtained from the Inhabitants of the District toward the Highway tax, after the Surveyors had built one smaller stone bridge and performed other necessary repairs on the Roads.— Mr. Perley has executed the undertaking in a satisfactory manner— the Bridge is built sixteen feet long, the front of the abutments, facing the stream, consist of five stones on each side the water course, which is six feet and three inches wide, and covered with five substantial split stones about fifteen inches thick.— Toward his compensation, Mr. Perley has received, by labour as aforesaid, nine dollars and ninety three cents— the remaining sum of twenty three dollars and seven cents is now due to him from the Town.—

which is respectfully submitted by

Boxford March 4th, 1800. Richard Peabody, Joseph Symonds } Committee

Nathaniel Perley's charge allowed

Voted to accept the above Report, and to allow Mr. Nathaniel Perley the above mentioned sum of twenty three dollars and seven cents.

Voted to choose a Committee to assist the Surveyors of Highways in building and repairing Bridges the year ensuing, where such Committee may judge reasonable, and for the benifit of the Town.—

Committee to assist Surveyors of Highways

Chose Nathaniel Perley, Capt. Richard Peabody, Capt. Joseph Symonds } Committee for the above purpose.

Voted to choose a Committee, in behalf of the Town, to thank the Reverend Peter Eaton for his well adapted Oration delivered on the 22d of February

in-

in commemoration of the Sublime Virtues of General George Washington. —

Chose Thomas Perley Esq.r
Capt. Ivory Hovey,
Nathaniel Perley
} Committee

Money raised for Schooling

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the purpose of Schooling the ensuing year. —

Voted to appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars of the above sum for the purpose of a Woman school.

Voted that it is no longer necessary that the labour be performed on a path leading from the County Road by Crooked pond, to Bald Hill, so called

Voted to allow the following Bills of charge —

September 25th, 1799. The Town of Boxford to Parker Sposford Dr.

Parker Sposford's Bill allowed

To 3 Dinners and four Suppers for the Committee appointed to settle with the claimers of the Road, leading from the School house near Capt. Jonathan Foster's to Israel Adams' Barn —— $ 2.0
To putting up two Horses —— 33
To spirit drank —— 79
Total —— $ 3.12

Parker Sposford.

The Town of Boxford to Thomas Perley Dr.

Thomas Perley's bill allowed

September 25th, 1799. To money paid the Referees for one half their service and expence, hearing and determining between the Town and the claimers of damages on the Road leading from the School House near Capt. Jonathan Foster's, to Israel Adams' Barn —— $ 4.12

Thomas Perley.

* Meeting adjourned

Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the first Monday in April next at 2 O' clock in the afternoon.

Meeting for choice of Governor &c.

At a legal Town Meeting, held in the Meeting House of the First Parish in Boxford, April 4th 1800 — for the purpose of giving in their votes for choice of Governor, Lieut. Governor ~~xxxx~~ Senators, and Counsellors — Votes for the following persons were given in, counted and sorted, and declaration thereof made as directed by the Constitution

Hon. Caleb Strong	Votes 59	for Governor.
Hon. Elbridge Gerry	14	

Hon. Moses Gill	40	for Lt. Governor.

Hon. Samuel Phillips Esqr	50	Senators.
Hon. Stephen Choate Esqr	50	
Hon. Ebenezer Marsh Esqr	50	
Hon. John Treadwell Esqr	50	
Hon. Nathaniel Marsh Esqr	50	

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator. —

Town Meetings

Voted that half the Town Meetings, held in the town, ~~shall~~ be held in the second parish for the future. —

Voted that Horses and Cattle be restrained from going at large, from the fifteenth day of May next, to the last of October ensuing. —

Meeting Dissolved.

*March Meeting brought on agreeably to adjournment.

Voted to excuse Mr. David Thimball Junr from serving as Treasurer the year ensuing. —

Voted to excuse Mr. Israel Adams from serving as a Selectman and Assessor.

Chose Lt. Moses Carleton Selectman and Assessor in the place of Israel Adams. —

Chose Lt. Amaill Skinney Treasurer in the place of David Thimball. —

Voted.

Voted Capt Francis Perley $3.50

Voted to allow Capt. Francis Perley three dollars and fifty cents in full for time and expence as a Committee to take the care and direction of the manner of Leasing and improving the Estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq.

Chose Capt. Joseph Symmonds, Mr. Nathaniel Perley } Field drivers

Meeting Dissolved.

Meeting for choice of Representative

At a legal Town Meeting, held in the Meeting House of the First Parish in Boxford May 15th, 1800 - for the purpose of appointing a suitable person to represent the aforesaid Town at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of said May. Votes for the following persons were given in, counted and sorted, and declaration thereof made as required by the Constitution, viz -

	No. votes	
Thomas Perley Esq.	36	For Representative
Mr. Nathan Andrews	12	
John Robinson Esq.	1	

Chose Thomas Perley Esq. Moderator -

Voted to raise nine hundred dollars to defray the necessary charges of the Town the ensuing year -

Voted that the Assessors direct the Constables to pay in to the Treasurer, the sums committed to them to collect, on or before the first day of January next -

Voted that the Report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, managing and leasing the Estate devised to the Town by the Honorable Aaron Wood Esq. be recorded in the Town Book -

The

Report.

The Committee, for taking the care and direction of the manner of improving, manageing and leasing the Estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq. ask leave to report, that pursuant to their trust, on or before the 17th of April last, they received one hundred twenty three dollars and sixty seven cents, being one years interest on all the sums loaned from said Devise, which sums are held and secured by Bonds with principal and surety in manner following, viz —

$123.50 cents from Nathan Low, Richard Peabody and Nathan Low Junr.
107.25 from John Robinson, Isaac Barker and Aaron Robinson.
100.~ from Nathaniel Perley, Ameill Stickney and Nathaniel Perley Junr.
100.~ from Nathan Robinson, John Robinson and Aaron Robinson.
70.~ from Luke Hovey's heirs, John Robinson and Nathan Kimball.
61.~ from Nathaniel Nelson, Aaron Nelson and Solomon Nelson.
300.~ from Israel Adams, Moses Carleton and Israel Foster.
200.~ from Moses Spofford, Jeremiah Spofford and Thomas Dresser.
100.~ from Asa Pingry, Daniel Foster and Moses Merrill.
119.50 from Solomon Wood, Samuel Perley and Oliver Perley.
200.~ from Daniel Foster, Joseph Adams, Francis Pingry and Benjamin Adams Junr.

$2061.25 Being eight cents less in the whole, than has been stated by former reports, wherein the sums originally due from Nathan Low and Benjamin Spofford, now Solomon Wood, were, each of them by mistake, set four cents above their real amount; these errours, however small, the Committee think it proper to correct and notice — All which is submitted by

Thomas Perley } on behalf of the Committee

Boxford May 15th, 1800.

N.B. The sum above mentioned, received as interest was, on the 21st day of April last, placed in the Treasury

Voted to accept and allow the Report of Samuel Wood and Capt Ivory Hovey respecting a Road Leading by Broadstreet Tyler's to Bradford, which Report is in the following words, viz:

Report of Samuel Wood and Ivory Hovey respecting the Road and fencing by Broadstreet Tyler's

In conformity to a Vote of the Town passed in October 1800. The Committee chosen to fence part of a Road from Samuel Kimball's to William Porter's Barn, got the road opened from David Kimball's land to said Porter's Barn, in a year or two— Then Mr. Samuel Kimball appeared not very urgent to have it opened thro' David Kimball's land till some future time, and the opening through David Kimball's land was postponed.— After Mr. Samuel Kimball's death, nothing was said for a long time— at length the Widow took the matter up, and, last fall, we agreed with certain persons to build the fence, and with Mr. David Kimball for his land.—

Thirty one rods and an half of stone wall at $2. p. rod amounts to ——— $63.

Forty five rods of land at $50 per acre ——— 14.07 cents

amounts to ——— $77.07

For time and trouble of the Committee ———

Boxford May 15th, 1800. Samuel Wood
Ivory Hovey

N. B. The men who built Wall were Lt. Ebenezer Peabody, Moses Cole and Joseph Wood Junr.— they will each one expect to have an Order of $21. as they were equal in their labour.

Voted to choose a Committee to meet a Committee from the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to view a way prayed for by Moses Wilkins and others—

Committee to meet a Courts Committee

Chose Samuel Kimball, Thomas Perley Esqr, Capt. Richard Peabody } Committee for the above written purpose.—

Voted to accept Mr. Samuel Wood to serve as Constable in the place of Mr. Samuel Carleton Junr.— Meeting Dissolved.

At a legal Town Meeting, held in the Meeting House of the first Parish in Boxford the eleventh day of June 1800.

Chose Lt. Moses Carleton Moderator.

Voted to choose some person, to go to Concord, and enquire into the circumstances of Asa Hardy, whom, the the Inhabitants of Concord suppose must come to Boxford for maintenance.——

Chose Lt. Moses Carleton for the above purpose.

Meeting Adjourned — Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the second Tuesday in July next at five O'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday July 8th The Town met agreeably to adjournment— and Lt. Carleton Reported verbaly, that the said Asa Hardy's property in Concord, in his opinion, was ~~***~~ considerably more than adequate to the sums which he could inform himself of which the said Asa owed.

Voted to choose a Committee to make further enquiry relative to said Hardy's Property——

Voted that the Committee consist of three persons—

Chose Lt. Moses Carleton
Capt. Richard Peabody
Thomas Perley Esqr. } Committee

Meeting Adjourned — Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Tuesday in September next. to four O'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday September 2d. 1800. Agreeably to adjournment, the Town convened in the Meeting-House aforesaid and——

Vote relating to the Estate and circumstances of Asa Hardy. — Voted that whereas Asa Hardy, formerly of Boxford, now living at Concord in the State of New Hampshire, did possess a promissory Note of hand, given by the Town Treasurer, bearing date the day of 17 for the sum of £ with interest— the contents of said Note, or a part thereof.

thereof has been received by some person or persons, from whom the said Hardy has not been able to recover the same, and for want thereof is likely to be dispossessed of the Real estate he now lives on; good causes and considerations thereunto moving it is, Resolved that the Town interpose in behalf of the aforesaid Asa Hardy by paying the sum necessary for the redemption of his Real estate in Concord, on his conveying the same to the Town, and also fully empowering the Town by their agents or agents, hereafter named, the Town by their agents or agents to recover, for the use and benefit of the Town, from whomsoever the same may be justly due any sum or sums of money which they have derived from the contents of the aforesaid promissory Note of hand. And it is further resolved, that the said Asa Hardy shall continue to improve the premises during his natural life— and, provided he shall at any time within such period, or his Heirs, Executors or Administrators, within one year from his decease, repay to the Town of Boxford the sum or sums of money which they may pay for the redemption of said Hardy's estate with lawful interest thereon, after deducting therefrom such part of said sum or sums as the Town or their agent or agents may recover on said Hardy's account, from any person or persons by virtue of the Power of Attorney to be given as aforesaid, shall and will relinquish and acquit to the said Asa Hardy, his Heirs, Executors or Administrators all the right title and interest of the Town in and unto the premises aforesaid. And be it further Resolved that Lt. Moses Carleton, Thomas Perley Esqr. and Capt. Richard Peabody be, and hereby are appointed agents fully authorised and impowered

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a Committee with full power
to do and perform, on the part of the Town all things
Continued— necessary to carry the above Resolution into effect.

Voted that the aforenamed Agents, draw out of the
$115. Treasury, one hundred and fifteen dollars, for
the purpose of redeeming the said Asa Hardy's
Real estate as aforesaid.

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting House of the First parish in Boxford November 3, 1800, for the purpose of giving in their votes for one Representative to the Congress of the United States— The votes being counted and sorted were as follows

Representative to Congress.

Reverend Manasseh Cutler 59 Votes.
Doctor Thomas Kittridge 3.

Chose Thomas Perley Esq.r Moderator.—

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee chosen to repair the Towns Pound in the first parish of said Town, or rebuild the same, as the Committee should judge most eligible— Report is as follows—

Report of the Committee, who Built the Pound

We the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to view the Towns Pound in the first parish of Boxford after examining the same, judged it necessary, to have said Pound rebuilt— and proceeded to set up the same to the lowest bidder, which was struck off to Mr. Oliver Perley at forty five dollars, which labour has, in our judgment, been performed agreeably to the articles drawn up for that purpose——

Boxford November 3, 1800.

Joseph Symmons } In behalf of the Committee

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed to transact the business with Asa Hardy; also, to allow the Bill of Lt. Moses Carleton for trouble and expence in transacting said business. — The Report, and bill are as follows.

Report of the Committee respecting the Estate of Asa Hardy.

The Committee appointed by the Town of Boscawen to transact the business of redeeming the Real estate of Asa Hardy of Concord in the State of New Hampshire, report, that They attended that duty on the seventh day of September last, and have discharged the mortgage deed which covered said Estate — and have taken a Warranty Deed of the same, also, have a power to collect any money which is due to said Hardy as specified in said Power all for the sole use and benefit of said Town — and have left in said Hardy's hands, a Copy of the Town vote relative to said Business. —

Boscawen November 3d, 1800.

Moses Carleton in behalf of the Committee.

June 29th, 1800. The Town of Boscawen to Moses Carleton Dr.

Bill of Lt. Moses Carleton allowed.

	D.	cents
To Three days, riding to Concord at 75 cents per day	2.	25
To cash paid for expences	3.	0
To Horse hire 50 miles at 4½ cents per mile	2.	25
To cash paid for the redemption of Asa Hardy's real estate	101.	89
To cash paid Mr. Runnels on a claim against said Hardy	2.	0
To cash paid Mr. Crosby on a claim against said Hardy	4.	65
To cash paid for one Stamp paper	0.	25
To cash paid Timothy Walker Esqr.	0.	75
To cash paid to the Register of Deeds	0.	49
To four days riding to Concord and Exeter	2.	67
To cash paid for expences	4.	25
To Horse hire 70 miles at 4½ cents per mile	3.	15
	127.	10
Credit by cash received on a Town Order	11.	5. —
Balance due =	$ 12.	10

Boscawen November 3, 1800.

Moses Carleton.

Carried over

Regulation of Annual Town Meetings.

Voted that the Annual Town Meetings, for the choice of Town Officers, for the two next ensuing years, be held on the first Mondays of April.

Respecting the Road from the Burying-yard to the Brook near where the old Meetinghouse stood.

Voted to choose a Committee, consisting of three persons to make enquiry respecting the expediency of Paying Enos Tyler Porter for the Road, and fencing the same from the Burying-yard to the Brook below where the old Meeting House stood

Chose Mr. Stephen Peabody,
Lieut Moses Carleton,
Deacon Parker Shofford.
} Committee for the above purpose.

Mr Parker Shofford's Bill allowed.

Voted to allow Deacon Parker Shofford Bill of seven dollars for serving Town Treasurer the year 1799.

Meeting Dissolved.

We the subscribers hereby certify, in compliance with the requisitions of the Law, previous to Assessing a tax on the Inhabitants of any School district, that we have according to the Local situation thereof, determined that the land within the Town of Boxford, owned by persons living without the same, be taxed in the several School districts as follows, viz;

1st District.

	Lands owned by.	Acres		Present value.	
Heirs	John Balch	16		$ 70	
	Mark Averell	42		250	
	Joseph Averell	42		250	
Heirs	Andrew Elliot	3		50	
	Stephen Elliot	3		50	
	Lewis Fuller	12		200	
Heirs	Cornelius Balch	1/2		20	
	Amos Felton	16		100	
	Solomon Gould	17		160	
	Andrew Peabody and Joseph Peabody	23		265	
	David Peabody	86		910	
	Nathaniel Peabody	5 1/2		80	
Col.	Benjamin Peabody	12		100	
	Joseph Peabody	39		590	
	Andrew Peabody	4 3/4		60	
Capt.	Joseph Symonds	38		320	
	Elias Wilkins	12		150	
Exr.	Simon Gould	59		850	
	Elijah Gould	39 1/2		550	
	David Balch, Thomas Balch and Joshua Balch	2		60	
Heirs	Asa Broadstreet	5		20	
				5113	

Shall be assessed in the First School District.

IInd District.

	Lands owned by	Acres	Present Value
	Asa How	8 ½	$100
Heirs	Jerusha Nichols and Stephen Nichols	5 ½	50
	Samuel Wilkins	6	75
	Moses Kimball	5	30
	Elijah Averell	5	50
Dr.	Daniel Bixby	37	350
	John Batchelder	22	110
	Henry Broadstreet	13	350
Heirs	Samuel Cummings	4	30
	John Conant Jr.	4	45
	Joseph Cree	2	30
Doctor	Nehemiah Cleaveland	10	60
	John Dwinnell	21 ½	240
	Nathaniel Fiske	2 ½	40
Deacon	John Gould	24	190
	Asa Gould	11	200
Rev^d	Daniel Gould	12	60
Capt.	Nathaniel Hammond	4	110
	Jacob Kimball	23	200
	Elezer Lake	3	40
	Robert Lake	3	40
Heirs	Doct^r Richard Dexter	2 ½	70
Heirs	Abraham How	9	40
	Zebulon Perkins	4	50
	Daniel Perkins Junr	1 ¼	40
	John Rea	5 ¼	50
	Thomas Tenny	4	50
	Aaron Putnam	10 ¼	140
	Stephen Putnam	10 ¼	140
	Edward Samson	3	50
	John Long	8	60
	Moses Wilkins	13	100
	Nathaniel Gould	39	420
Maj^r	Joseph Gould	37 ½	630
	John Gould	2 ½	50
	Zaccheus Gould	96	1000
			5290

Shall be assessed in the second School District.

III.° District.

	Lands owned by	Acres	Present value
	Aaron Nelson	15	$ 250
	Nathan Perley	20	260
Heirs	Jonathan Chaplin	40	167
	Asa Chaplin	17	80
Majr.	Asa Nelson	13	167
Capt.	Amos Nelson	8	167
	Daniel Thurston	14	100
	Moses Boynton	6	70
Lt.	William Perley	25	200
Capt.	Benjamin Adams	127	1475
Doctr.	Amos Spofford	6	80
	Jacob Perley	30	600
	Reuben Smith	3	30
	William Conant	5	130
			3056

Shall be Assessed in the Third District.

III

	Lands owned by	Acres	Present Value
Wid.	Dorothy Andrews	10	200
	Joseph Andrews	8	160
	Ephraim Andrews	4	80
	Hephzibah Andrews	4	80
	Salome Andrews	4	80
Majr.	John Baker	29	470
	John Broadstreet and Dudley Broadstreet	6	45
Capt.	Daniel Boardman	6	50
Lt. Col.	Solomon Dodge	21½	100
Lieut.	Thomas Emerson	133	1500
	Daniel Exley	3	25
	John Hood	5	30
	Daniel Perkins	10	70
	Asa Perkins	3	20
	Thomas Perkins	10	60
	David Perkins	20½	240
	Robert Perkins Amos Perkins	16	270
	Stephen Perley	24	160
	Moses Wilder	4	40
Heirs	Elisha Wilder	6	100
	Moses Conant	4	40
	Allen Perley	11	190
	Allen Perley Jnr.	6	50
Dr.	John Perley	8	40
	James Chute	4	100

Carried over

	Acres	Present value
Samuel Perkins / Elijah Perkins	11	$100
David Phillips	10	14.5
Nathan Phillips	10	14.5
John Perley	16	190
		4060

Shall be Assessed in the fourth School District.

V.th

	Acres	Present Value
Lands owned by		
Daniel Foster.	14	200
Samuel Barker	46	857
Nathan Barker	4	90
Heirs Retire H. Parker	33	533
William Parker	15	100
(Deacon Phineas Carleton	33	330
Broadstreet Parker	8	160
Heirs Moses Wood	6½	80
" Moses Wood	4	40
Thomas Wood	3	40
John Smith	12	213
Heirs Eliphalet Rollins	3	30
David Mighill	8	75
David Poor	1½	10
Heirs Francis Pickard	25	500
Capt. Thomas Morse	22	300
		3710.

Shall be Assessed in the fifth School District

VI.

	Acres	Present Value
Lands owned by		
Stephen Barker	46	700
John Barker	46	700
Lieut John Robinson	23½	260
Nathaniel Gage	87	1300
Capt. Daniel Kimball	6	60
Abel Kimball	2	33
Phineas Kimball	20	400
Richard Woodman	6	130
Stephen Carleton	13	190
John Day	2	30
Jonathan Tyler	16	270.
		4233

Shall be Assessed in the sixth School District.

Boxford January 12th, 1801.

Thomas Perley
Moses Carleton
Nathan Andrews Jr.
Jurnel Foster
Amos Perley

} Assessors of Boxford.

At a legal Town Meeting, held in the Meeting house of the Second parish in Sanford the 6th day of April 1801.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator.

Chose Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

Town Officers.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr.
Capt Moses Carleton,
Jacob Andrews,
John Kimball,
Ensn Joseph Symonds
} Selectmen and Assessors.

Chose Samuel Kimball
Daniel Peabody
} Constables.

Chose Lt Amill Hickney } Treasurer.

Chose Francis Curtice,
Moses Dorman,
Nathaniel Long,
Ensn Daniel Gould,
Thomas Perley Esqr,
Samuel Spofford Junr,
John Dorman
Lt Phineas Cole,
Lt Ebenezer Peabody,
Moses Gould,
Solomon Wood
} Surveyors of Highways.

Chose John Stiles,
Ensn Cornelius Gould,
David Kimball,
Joseph Hovey
} Tythingmen.

Chose Samuel Wood,
Stephen Peabody,
Phineas Perley,
Ensn Enos Runnels
} Fence viewers.

Chose Phineas Foster,
Moses Gould,
John Pearl,
Joseph Hovey
} Hogreeves.

Carried over.

Brought over.

Chose Aaron Perley, Samuel Carleton, Jun.r } Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose Francis Curtice, Eben.r Peabody, Phineas Perley, Israel Adams, Jesse Perley, Edmund Herrick } Field drivers.

Chose Asa Peabody, Moses Chadwick } Pound keepers.

Chose Capt. Ivory Hovey, Lt. Ebenezer Peabody, Capt. Moses Carleton, Capt. Joseph Symmes, Simon Stiles, Moses Dorman, Stephen Peabody, Benjamin Spofford, Capt. Jonathan Fowler } School Committee.

$500 for Schools. Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the maintenance of Schools the present year.

$125 appr.d for Female Schools. Voted to appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars of the above sum for the support of Women Schools.—

Restrictions of School districts. Voted that each School district, be restricted from sending scholars to other districts to school, when they have a school in their own districts

Voted to amend and repair the Highways and Town Roads by a Rate the present year.—

$400 for repair of Highways. Voted to raise four hundred dollars for the repair and amendment of the Highways and Town Roads.

Rates allowed per day for labour— Voted, to allow a man per day, working on the Roads, 75 cents, for a yoke of Oxen 40 cents; for a plough 40 cents, and for a Cart 20 cents per day.

Voted

Manner of performing labour on the Highways.

Voted that the labour be performed in the same manner in which it was done the last year, and that the several Surveyors make out exact returns of the deficiencies in their several districts to the Assessors, on or before the first day of March next ensuing.

Duty of the Committee to widen roads pointed out

Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons to take proper measures to cause the County roads within the Town to be freed from inconvenient incumbrances arising from the narrowness of said Roads, and that such Committee cause to be fixed to their stated width, any of the Town ways where compensation has been made in damages for the same. Also, to take any order which the Town may see fit to direct relative to the incumbrances on said Roads and ways.

Chose Capt. Moses Carleton,
Thomas Perley Esq.
Lieut Ebenezer Peabody
} Committee for the above written purposes.

6th article passed over.

Voted to pass over the sixth article in the Warrant which was to see if the Town would give liberty to continue ~~granted~~ the gates across the Road from Richard Hooter's to the Poplar-tree.

Voted that Swine go at large the present year.

Restriction of Cattle & Horses

Voted that neat cattle and Horses be restrained from going at large from the first day of May ensuing, to the last of October following.

Report of the Committee respecting Bridges.

The Committee appointed to assist the Surveyors of Highways in building and repairing bridges for the year 1802 being called upon to repair the Bridge across Fishing brook, so called, near Deacon Symmes's Hills, and having attended to the business with leave to report, that, in our opinion it was necessary to rebuild said Bridge, and did proceed, after giving notice, to let out the building of

said

Continued

said Bridge to the lowest bidder and the labour of building said Bridge was bid off by Ensign Joseph Symmonds at eleven dollars and ninety cents

To timber and plank procured by John Giddings ten dollars ~~and~~ and ninety nine cents.

Which is humbly submitted by us the Subscribers

Boxford 6th April 1801. Nathaniel Perley, Richard Peabody, Joseph Symmonds } Committee.

Voted to accept the foregoing report and to allow the charges

Voted to excuse Daniel Peabody from serving Constable the ensuing year.

Voted to excuse John Robinson Esqr. from serving as Surveyor of Highways the present year.

Voted that the High-way district of which John Robinson Esqr. has been excused from serving as a Surveyor, be connected with the district of which Lieut. Phineas Cole is appointed Surveyor of Highways.

Chose Aaron Kimball Constable for the ensuing year

Report of the Committee respecting the Road near Stephen Sylers.

We the subscribers, being chosen a Committee to make enquiry respecting the Road which Ensign Tyler Porter requests pay for, and the expediency of paying for the same and the fencing. ask leave to report, That we have made enquiry, and find it not expedient to pay for the Road nor fencing, as it has been improved for a road more than sixty years, and nearly half the fence built by subscription

Which is submitted by

Stephen Peabody, Moses Carleton, Parker Spofford } Committee

Boxford April 6th, 1801.

Voted to accept the above report.

Meeting adjourned

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the fourth day of May next at two O' clock in the afternoon.

Meeting for choice of Governor.

At a legal Town Meeting, held in the Meeting-house of the second parish in Sandford the 6th day of April 1801 — for the purpose of giving in their votes for the choice of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors. Votes for the following persons were given in, counted and sorted, and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution.

	Votes	
His excellency Caleb Strong	96	for Governor.
Hon. Elbridge Gerry	21	

Hon. Samuel Phillips	79	Lt. Governor.
Hon. William Heath	18	
Elbridge Gerry	1	
Thomas Perley Esq.r	3	
Samuel Kimball	1	

Hon. Samuel Phillips	83	Senators and Counsellors
Stephen Choate Esq.r	84	
John Treadwell Esq.r	83	
Ebenezer Marsh Esq.r	84	
Nathaniel Marsh Esq.r	84	
Capt. Jacob Crowninshield	10	
Doctor Thomas Kittridge	10	
Major Robert Farley	10	
Stephen Cross Esq.r	10	
Francis Carr Esq.r	10	

Register — John Pickering Esq.r had 59 votes for County Register.

Treasurer — Stephen Choate Esq.r had 46 votes for County Treasurer.

Meeting dissolved.

Meeting brought to order agreeably to adjournment.

Agreeably to the adjournment of the April meeting, the Town convened in the Meeting House of the Second parish in Boxford the 4th day of May 1801. and proceeded as follows, viz. —

Building for Military stores.

Voted to build a suitable Building for the reception of the Towns Stock of Ammunition and Military stores.

Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons, to build, or superintend said Building, in the most advantageous manner to said Town.

Committee to build, or superintend said Building

Chose Dea. Parker Sheffield, Mr Stephen Peabody, Capt. Ivory Hovey. } Committee for the above purpose.

Provision for effecting the same

Voted, that the Treasurer advance fifty dollars to the Committee above named, for the purpose of effecting said Building, in case the Committee find it necessary. —

Voted to excuse Mr. Samuel Kimball from serving Constable the present year.

Chose Mr. Timothy Dorman Constable in the place of Samuel Kimball. —

Voted to accept Mr. Samuel Wood to serve as Constable in the place of Mr. Amos Kimball.

Voted to enlarge the Committee appointed to widden County Roads, by adding two persons.

Committee for widdening County Roads enlarged

Chose Capt. Ivory Hovey, Mr. Jacob Andrews. } in addition to the Committee to Widden Roads.

Meeting dissolved.

At a legal Town Meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the Second parish in Beverly May 4th 1801. for the purpose of appointing a suitable person to represent the aforesaid Town at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of said May — Votes for the following persons were given in, counted and sorted — and declaration thereof made as required by the Constitution viz

Meeting for the choice of a Representative

Thomas Perley Esq.r 565 votes.
Mr. Nathan Andrews - 6
Capt. Ivory Hovey - - - 4
Lieut. Samuel Chadwick - - 1

} for Representative

Chose Thomas Perley Esq.r Moderator.

Money raised for defraying charges

Voted to raise six hundred dollars to defray the charges of the current year.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, managing and leasing the Estate devised to the town by the late Hon. Aaron Wood Esq.r which report is in the following words,

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improveing, managing and leasing the Estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq.r

Report respecting the Estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq.r

Report, that the sum of $2061.25. contained in Bonds remains due, as stated in a Report of the 15th of May last; excepting the sum of $623.50. then held by Nathan Low as principal, has been transferred, and is now held by Jeremiah Low as principal, with Nathan Low and Timothy Dorman Burnam as sureties. — The annual interest of all the Bonds, being $123.67. became due on the 17th of April last, was, on or before that day received and placed in the Treasury, excepting one bond of $200. due from David Foster and Joseph Adams, that neglect appears to

have

have arisen from their being mistaken in the day of payment, or the same was immediately made on our intimation of their deficiency - wherefore, the Committee beg leave to recommend the passing over this omission all which is respectfully submitted by

Boxford May 4th, 1801.

Thomas Perley
John Robinson.

Committee to attend the subject of Bridges.

Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons to attend the subject of Bridges and to assist Surveyors of Highways where it may be judged necessary.

Chose Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody,
Benjamin Boxford,
Capt. Ivory Hovey.
} Committee for the aforesaid purpose

15th article passed over.

Voted to passe over the last article in the Warrant.

Meeting dissolved.

At a legal Town Meeting, held in the Meeting house of the first parish in Benson the 5th day of April 1802.

Previous to the choice of Town Officers

It was stated, that in one of the Warrants issued by the Selectmen for calling this Meeting, the place of holding the same had been erroneously mentioned, and, that the Constable to whom it was directed, in Notifying the meeting, had rectified the mistake; and substituted the place wherein the Town is assembled, being the same as was mentioned in the other Warrant; whereupon it was moved, that the sense of the town be taken on the subject - and it was voted without any dissension, that the place of holding the meeting had been fully known and understood by the Inhabitants - and that no damage could arise to the Town by the errour in the Warrant and that it was proper to proceed to transact the intended business of the Meeting.

Choice of Town Officers.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator.

Chose Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr.,
Capt. Moses Carleton,
Jacob Andrews,
John Kimball,
Ensign Joseph Symonds.
} Selectmen and Assessors.

Chose Israel Herrick
Lemuel Wood
} Constables.

Chose Lt. Ancill Stickney } Treasurer.

Chose Ensn. John Killam,
Ensn. Joseph Symonds,
Asa Peabody,
Asa Foster,
Deacon Moses Peabody,
Lieut. Ancill Stickney,
Nathaniel Perley,
Capt. William Perley,
Joseph Carleton,
David Wood,
William Butterick,
Phineas Cole,
Broadstreet Tyler.
} Surveyors of Highways

Chose

Chose David Kimball Jun.r John Stiles, William Butterick, Samuel Carleton Jun.r	Tythingmen.
Chose M.c Neill Stickney, John Towne Jun.r Ephraim Foster, Phineas Kimball	Hogreaves.
Chose Stephen Peabody, Aaron Perley, Samuel Wood, Lieut. Simeon Cole.	Fenceviewers.
Chose Ens.n Joseph Symonds, Samuel Carleton Jun.r	Surveyors of Lumber.
Chose John Giddings, Ens.n John Killam, Ens.n Enos Runnels.	Field drivers.
Chose Asa Peabody, Moses Chadwick.	Poundkeepers.
Chose John Robinson Esq.r Ens.n Enos Runnels, Capt. Moses Carleton, John Kimball, David Kimball Jun.r Simeon Stiles, Ens.n Joseph Symonds, Capt. William Perley, Phineas Perley.	School Committee.

Hon. Stephen Choate Esq.r had 37 votes for County Treasurer.

Money raised to support Schools. Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the support of Schools the present year.

Appropriated for Woman Schools Voted to appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars of the above sum for the maintenance of Women Schools.

Voted to repair and amend the Highways and Town Roads by a Rate the present year.

Voted.

Money raised to repair Roads and ways

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the repair and amendment of the Highways and Town Roads the present year.

Voted that the money raised for the repair and amendment of the Highways and Town Roads be aportioned, assessed and paid, in the same manner as it was done the year past.

Rates per day allowed.

Voted to allow a man per day, working on the Roads 75 cents; for a yoke of Oxen four years old and upward 50 cents; for a Plough 55 cents, and for a Cart 20 cents per day.

Restraint of neat cattle and horses.

Voted that neat Cattle, Horses and horse kind, in future, be restrained from going at large from the first of May to the last of October till the Town otherwise direct.

Voted that Swine go at large the present year.

Acceptance of a town way over land of Simon Gould and others

Voted to accept of a particular Town way as laid out by the Selectmen, over lands of Ens^n Simon Gould Jr. and the Heirs of Thomas Killam.

9th article in Warrant refered to the Selectmen

Voted to refer the ninth article in the Warrant, which is to see if the Town will allow the Original proprietors of the school house in the third district, the amount of the cost they have lately sustained by enlarging and repairing said House so as to make the same convenient for the accomodation of the Town School, or such part of the aforesaid cost as the Town may consider equitable, to the Selectmen to examine and report their opinion respecting the same.

Powderhouse

Voted to accept the report of the Committee, who built the House for the reception of the Town-stock of Amunition, which report is in the following words, viz.

Report of the Committee appointed to build, or superintend the building of a Powder house

The Committee appointed to procure a suitable place to erect a Building for the reception of the Town stock of amunition and Military stores, and to complete said Building in the most advantageous manner ask leave to Report That they have attended to the business; have procured a piece of ground of Capt. Francis Perley, near Parker Spofford's on which they have erected a building of Brick and lime, of the following dimensions viz. Said Building is eight feet ~~square~~; seven feet and nine inches high; the roof of wood; boarded, shingled and painted.

The

The door is a double door, painted and furnished with a Lock.
The ground, on which said Building stands, was dug out two
feet below the surface, and filled up with small stones; after
which, there are large stones of about twelve inches thick
for an underpinning.

The Bills for building said House are as follows, viz.

1801. Septr.	To 5000 of Brick at $7. per 1000	$35. —
	To hauling 5000 of Brick at 3 do. do	15 —
	To paid the Masons for laying the brick	7. 33
	To paid the Carpenter	5. 66
	To paid for timber, plank, boards, Shingles and lime	21. 45
	To carting lime, sand, boards and shingles	4. 67
	To nineteen and a half days work at $1. pr. day	19. 50
	To 1½ days of Oxen at 56 cents, ½ day of cart, 10 cents & dinner	1. 10
	To 3¼ gall. of W. I. Rum at 7/ pr. pr. gall. 1 lb of sugar	4. 2
	To boarding Masons 12 days — Horse 2 days	4. 25
	To paid for nails, Spanish brown and Oil	2. 43
	To a lock and hinges	3. 0
	To seven dollars for the land said House stands on	7 —
		132. 41
Credit	By $50 drawn out of the Treasury, by eighty bricks and five peeks of Lime 50 cents	50. 00
		01. 61

The above Report is submitted by us the Subscribers

Stafford 5th day of April 1802.

Parker Spafford,
Ivory Havey,
Stephen Peabody } Committee.

Committee respecting the petition of Joseph Gould and others.

Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons to enquire into the expediency of granting the request of Joseph Gould and others praying for liberty, in future to work out the sums they may be assessed in the Highway taxes, on the way leading from Oliver Peabody's to James Russell's.

Chose Jacob Andrews,
John Gould
Moses Gould } Committee for the above purpose.

Bill of charges allowed.

Voted to allow Ensign Joseph Symonds one dollar and forty cents for twenty one feet of plank and eight feet of timber which he procured to repair Bridges

Voted to accept of Nathaniel Perley to serve as Constable in the place of Israel Herrick

Meeting adjourned

Voted to adjourn this meeting till the May meeting to two O'clock in the afternoon

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting-house of the first Parish in Boxford the 25th day of April 1802. for the purpose of giving in their votes for the choice of a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors. Votes for the following persons were given in, counted and sorted, and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution.

Governor and Senators

	Votes	
Excellency Caleb Strong	91	For Governor
Hon. Elbridge Gerry	21	

Hon Edward H. Robbins Esqr	91	Lt. Governor
Hon William Heath Esqr	21	

Hon. Stephen Cheate Esqr	91	Senators and Counsellors
John Treadwell Esqr	91	
Nathaniel Marsh	91	
Enoch Titcomb	91	
Benjamin Pickman	90	
Capt. Jacob Crowninshield	21	
Doct^{r} Thomas Kittridge	21	
Doctor Daniel Hall am	21	
Captn William Parsons	21	
Francis Carr Esqr	21	

Meeting Dissolved.

Report of the Committee respecting the new Road from Andover to Boxford.

the Committee appointed, and directed on the part of the Town to attend the several Committees, sent from the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to view, and lay out a way from Moses Kimball's in Andover, by John Towne's over the Ferdway, to the County road in Boxford, as prayed for by Jacob Kimball and others; also, a way from John Kimball's gate in Andover, to a Town way in Boxford near John Foster's, as prayed for by Moses Wilkins and others.— Do Report, that they attended the several viewing Committees, on the 24th of October 1799. on the 20th of January, the 3d of June and 2nd of October 1800. and the laying out Committee on the 19th of May 1801. both of said ways have been laid out and accepted by the Court aforesaid; the way first mentioned, lays from Andover line, within this Town, about one mile over land of John Towne and others. The way prayed for by Moses Wilkins and others, extends within this Town about ninety poles, over land of John Foster. Mr. Foster, Mr. Towne and others proprietors having previously agreed to relinquish all claims in damages on account of their lands and fencing, there remains to the Town, only the expence of making and maintaining the ways; some parts thereof are very rough, especially that from Andoverline to the Ferdway: both roads falling into the limits of one and the same surveyor, may, for the present, require more work to be done on them, than can be effected by the exertions of that district in discharging a common and ordinary highway Tax. And the Committee ask leave to suggest the propriety and expediency of appropriating a sum of money not exceeding thirty dollars to be expended toward making necessary improvements on the Road from Andover to the Ferdway; under the direction of some person to be appointed for that purpose; or by any other way which the town may direct.

Which is Respectfully submitted by

Boxford March 11th, 1802.

Richard Peabody,
Thomas Peley.

By misfortune, the foregoing and following reports were not left with the Clerk seasonably, and thereby could not be recorded in their proper place.

Report of the Selectmen on the alteration of the Road from East Jacob Gould's to Middleton

The subscribers, Selectmen of Boxford, being met together the 21st day of September 1825. To consider the petition of Brimsley Peabody and others, praying that the Road, leading from Middleton, by said Brimsley Peabody's, and over the Fishing-Brooks, may be straightened over the land of Ensign Simon Gould Jun.r and a Road laid out over land of the heirs of Thomas Hillborn— having carefully viewed the premises and maturely considered the subject, are of opinion, that the proposed alteration, and additional road will be of common convenience, and do report as follows, viz:

That the aforesaid road be widened on land of Ens.r Simon Gould Jun.r Beginning near the southerly part of his land at a stake on the westerly side of the Road; thence northerly over a valley about twenty poles to a stake by the road, taking off about twenty poles from said Gould's land. And have laid out a particular town Road— Beginning on the southerly side of the aforesaid Road at a stake and stones on land of the Heirs of Thomas Hillborn; thence northerly on land of said heirs, eight poles to a stake and stones on the edge of a hill; thence northerly twenty one poles and fifteen links to a stake and stones by the aforesaid Road, leading over the fishing brook— to be two rods wide on the northerly side of said line. — —

Thomas Perley,
Moses Boarleton,
Jacob Andrews,
John Kimball,
Joseph Symonds Jr.
} Selectmen.

At a legal Town Meeting, held in the Meeting house of the First parish in Boxford the 13th day of May 1802 for the purpose of appointing a suitable person to represent the aforesaid Town at the General Court appointed to be convened and held in the Town of Boston on the last Wednesday of said May — Votes for the following persons were given in, counted and sorted — and declaration thereof made as required by the Constitution, viz. Thomas Perley Esqr 52 votes.

Representative

Mr Nathan Andrews — 5
Mr Samuel Kimball — 5
Mr Daniel Chapman — 1

} for Representative.

Chose Thomas Perley Esquire Moderator.

Money raised to defray expences.

Voted to raise one hundred dollars to defray the arising charges of the town the current year.

Voted to approve and accept the report of the Committee appointed to take the care of managing, leasing and improving the Estate devised to the Town by the late Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr which report is in the following words, viz.

Report of Comtte on the Estate of Hon. A. Wood Esqr devised to the Town —

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, leasing and managing the Estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr ask leave to report, that the whole sum of the principal due on Bonds, remains to be held by the same persons as mentioned in the report of 1800. and 1801. The annual Interest thereon being one hundred twenty three dollars and sixty seven cents — Was received and paid over to Mr. Treasurer Stickney on the 17th of April last. —

Boxford May 13th, 1802.

Thomas Perley
Stephen Spofford
} Committee.

It was put to vote to see if the Town would accept a Road laid out by the Selectmen, on land of Mr David Kimball — and it passed in the negative —

carried over.

Voted.

Committee to widen County Road from Andover line to Bradford

Voted to appoint a Committee to open the County Road, or cause it to be opened from Andover line, by Thomas Chadwick's to Bradford line, in places where inconveniencies arise from the narrowness of thereof, and that such Committee have full power to accomplish the same—

Chose John Robinson Esqr } Committee for the
Mr Israel Adams, } above purpose.
Lt Phineas Cole

Persons deficient in working out highway tax to have privilege with a limited time

Voted that those persons, who were deficient in working out their Highway tax, in the list Committed to Lieut Phineas Cole, may work out the same under said Surveyor, provided they work it out before the first day of July next ensuing.—

April Meeting brought on agreeably to adjournment—

Voted to excuse Mr David Wood from serving as a Surveyor of Highways, and to accept Mr Abraham Tyler to serve in his place.

Voted that thirty dollars, or any part thereof, if necessary, be appropriated for the purpose of amending and repairing the Road from the Fordway, so called, to Andover line.

Chose Capt Joseph Symonds for the above purpose.

Voted to excuse Ens^{r} John Killam from serving as a Field driver.

Chose Joseph S. Peabody Field driver.—

Report of Selectmen respecting School house negatived.

It was put to vote to see if the Town would accept the report of the Selectmen respecting the School-house in the third school-district, and it passed in the negative.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of Repairing the Road leading from Oliver Peabody's to James Russell's Report as follows

Report of Comtee on the petition of Joseph Gould and others.

The Committee appointed to examine into the expediency of the petition of Joseph Gould and others, requesting liberty to work out their taxes on the Road leading from Oliver Peabody's to James Russell's.—

We.—

Report

We have taken a view of said Road, and beg leave to report, that it is our opinion, that it is reasonable that there should be seven dollars worth of work done on that Road, and that Ensign Joseph Symonds Jnr. Surveyor, in whose district said petitioners are taxed, should order on such persons as he shall think proper, to work out seven dollars on said Road.

Boxford May 13th, 1802. Jacob Andrews } in behalf of the Committee.

Allowance to Saml. Kimball Thomas Perley Esqr. and Capt. Richard Peabody.

Voted to allow Mr. Samuel Kimball, Thomas Perley Esqr. and Capt. Richard Peabody two dollars and fifty cents, each for their service in meeting a Committee from the Court for the purpose of laying out a Roads from Andover to Boxford.

At a Legal Town meeting, held in the Meeting house of the first parish in Boxford, Monday the first day of November 1802. for the purpose of giving in their votes for one Representative to the Congress of the United States. The votes being counted were as follows— For Hon. Manasseh Cutler forty four votes.—

Chose Capt. Moses Carleton Moderator.—

Vote on the axes, Shovels and pickaxes.

Voted to make sale of the axes, shovels and pickaxes, belonging to the Town, for the same; and that the Selectmen be directed to dispose of them in the most advantageous manner.

Treasurers charge allowed.

Voted to allow Lt. Ameill Stickney fourteen dollars for serving as Treasurer two years, viz. 1800. and 1801.

Bills of charge allowed

Voted to allow Ens. Joseph Symonds eight dollars and eighty seven cents for labor on the new road, near Capt. Jacob Gould's.

Voted to allow Ens. Joseph Symonds one dollar and fifty cents for plank to repair Fishbrook, so called.

Voted to allow Deacon Parker Sprofford 86½ cents in addition to what he has already received for a look to the Powderhouse.

Voted to allow Jacob Andrews six dollars and seventy five cents for labor performed on the new road near the dwelling house of Capt. Jacob Gould Jnr.

Voted.

Voted to allow Moses Gould, ten dollars and eighty nine cents for plank delivered to Ensign Joseph Simmonds, Surveyer of Highways.

Meeting adjourned. Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the first Monday in December next, to 2 O'clock in the afternoon.

Monday December 6th the Town met agreeably to adjournment, and proceeded as follows.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed to open and widen the County Road from Andover line, by Thomas Chadwick's to the Country road near Samuel Carletons- which Report is the following words

Report of Committee on the Road from Andover by Thomas Chadwicks to Broadford.

The Committee appointed by the Town of Boxford on the thirteenth day of May last, to open the Road, called the County road, from Andover line to Broadford line to the width it was laid out by a Committee from Court in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty two, have attended that service and ask leave to report, as follows, viz:

We have agreed with the proprietors on said Road as well appear by having recourse to the agreement by them signed; that they will relinquish all claims of any award for said Road forever hereafter, upon the towns being at the expence of moving the wall which was necessary to be moved, and build the same up again: and have widned the road to its proper width in all places which we judged to be necessary, and give the following course and distance. Beginning at Andover line.

Degrees	Rods.
N 17 E	14
N 57 E	6
N 45 E	9
N 60 E	19
N 65 E	4
N 40 E	5
N 19 E	4
N 54 E	6
S 70 E	19
S 82 E	6
S 45 E	6
S 62 E	6
N 63 E	12
N 66 E	12
N 86 E	73½
S 75 E	37 4/10
N 75 E	12.

Degrees	Rods.
N 40 E	10
N 42 E	10
N 55 E	41
N 57 E	10
N 55 E	25
N 59 E	33
N 51 E	6
N 59 E	13
N 35 E	11
N 19 E	6
N 3 E	12
N 22 E	6
N 7 E	14
N 25 E	14
N 2 E	11
N 30 E	10
N 13 E	10

Degrees	Rods.
N 20 E	10
N 27 E	10
N 11 W	6
N 35 W	4
N 19 W	14
N 2 E	5
N 10 E	4
N 21 E	9
N 30 E	24
N 40 E	124
N 45 E	10
N 54 E	17
N 64 E	13
N 03 E	20
N 29 E	24
N 63 E	29

To Salem Road near Samuel Carleton's

We

We have moved, and caused to be moved three hundred and thirty six rods and two feet of stone wall at the following prices per rod, viz.

Report continued.

Capt. Ivory Hovey has built 20 rods at 1/3 and 20 rods at 2/4 per rod — $11.94

Ens.n Joseph Parker has built 22 rods at 1/8 per rod — 6.11

Jacob Parker has built 46 rods at 2/6 and 33 rods at 1/3 per rod — 26.16

Capt. Moses Carleton has built 20 rods at 1/7 per rod — 5.28

Thomas Spofford has built 42½ rods at 1/3 per rod = 8.85

Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody has built 29½ rods at 1/. p.r rod — 4.92

Lieut. Phineas Cole has built 51 rods at 1/1 and 53½ at 1/3 per rod — 20.35

Foot — $83.61

On Mr. Samuel Coles land there is 21 rods which is let out to Lieut. Simeon Cole at 6/. per rod and 10 rods at 1/2 per rod. Agreeable to the agreement with Thomas Chadwick, in consequence of taking more land to make the road more convenient than the two rods will do, have agreed to allow him fifty cents.

Surveyors bill, and attendance at Salem as an evidence at June term $6.19

John Robinson, to 4 days service at 75 cents per day = 3.—

Phineas Cole, to 4 days service at 75 cents per day = 3.—

Said Coles bill for entertaining Committee and Surveyor ..... 8.—

And to three quarts of rum expended when the Wall was let out 0.75

Israel Adams, to 4 days service at 75 cents p.r day — 3.—

Said Adams, a Journey to Salem and expences ... 1.93

To cash for a Copy of Record 1.25

For council ..... 4.—

$31.12

Boxford Dec.r 2nd, 1802.

John Robinson
Phineas Cole
Israel Adams
} Committee

Bills of charge allowed

Voted to allow Ensign Joseph Symonds one dollar and thirty cents for timber procured by him for altering pieces to a Bridge.

Papers put on file.

Voted, that the Clerk put on file, those papers which the proprietors of the land, on which the aforesaid road goes, have signed to relinquish their claims for damages on account of said Road, together with the Copy of said road as formerly laid out.

At a legal Town Meeting, held in the Meeting house of the Second parish in Boxford the 4th day of April 1803.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator.

Town Officers

Chose Moses Dorman Clerk.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr.
Lemuel Wood,
Capt Jacob Gould, Junr.
Israel Adams,
Israel Herrick
} Selectmen and Assessors.

Chose Amos Perley
Stephen Spofford
} Constables.

Chose Lieut. Ansell Stickney } Treasurer.

Chose Capt. Jacob Gould Junr.
Ensn. Joseph Symonds Junr.
Nathan Andrews Junr.
Cornelius Gould,
John Towne Junr.
Joseph S. Peabody
Jeremiah Low,
Elisphalet Perley,
Samuel Spofford Junr.
William Tyler,
Samuel Carleton,
Ensn. Joseph Parker
Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody
} Surveyors of Highways.

Chose

Chose Lieut. Phineas Cole,
Capt. Joseph Symonds,
Ens^n. Enos Runnels,
Simeon Stiles } Tythingmen.

Chose Oliver Peabody,
Cornelius Gould,
Joseph Wood,
John Kimball. } Hogreaves.

Chose Jacob Andrews,
Nathaniel Perley,
Stephen Peabody
Jonathan Foster Jn^r.
Lemuel Wood. } Fenceviewers.

Chose Ens^n. Joseph Symonds Jn^r.
Lieut. Phineas Cole. } Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose Cornelius Gould,
Phineas Perley,
Lieut. Simeon Cole,
Broadstreet Tyler. } Field Drivers.

Chose Asa Peabody,
Moses Chadwick. } Poundkeepers.

Voted to appoint a Committee of six persons, one in each School-distract to converse together, and report their opinion on the subject of appointing a School Committee.
Chose Ens^n. Joseph Symonds, Capt. Joseph Symonds, Deacon Parker Spofford, Aaron Perley, Israel Adams and John Robinson Esqr. a Committee for the above purpose. Said Committee presented the following list of persons, viz.

Major Ivory Hovey,
Ens^n. Enos Runnels,
Samuel Spofford Jn^r.
Israel Foster,
Stephen Spofford,
Thomas Perley Esqr.
Samuel Holyoke,
David Kimball
Francis Curtice.

Voted, that the abovenamed persons be a School Committee

Money raised for maintenance of Schools

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the maintenance of Schools the present year.

Voted to appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars of the above sum for the support of Women Schools.

Voted to repair and amend the Highways and town Roads by a rate the present year.

Money raised for repair and amendment of highways.

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the repair and amendment of the Highways and town Roads the present year.

Voted, that the money raised for the repair and amendment of said ways and roads, be aportioned, assessed and paid, in the same manner in which it was done the year past.

rates allowed per day.

Voted to allow a man per day, working on the Roads, seventy five cents; for a yoke of Oxen fifty cents; for a Cart twenty cents, and for a Plough fifty five cents per day, while employed on the aforesaid Roads.

Voted that swine go at large the present year.

Voted to refer the nineth article in the Warrant, to the adjournment of this meeting.

Antient town Book.

Voted to refer, to the discretion of the Selectmen, the ruinous condition of an antient Book of Town records- and that the said Selectmen take any order thereon which to them may appear proper.

Road to meetinghouse negatived.

It was put to vote, to see if the Town would approve, accept and open a town Road as laid out by the Selectmen from the Meetinghouse in the first parish in Boxford, easterly to the Countyroad leading from Middleton to Rowley and it passed in the negative.

Petitions for roads taken into consideration.

Voted to appoint a Committee to take into consideration the petitions of those persons, praying for Roads to be laid out in the Second parish of Boxford, and that such Committee take any measures thereon which they may Judge proper, and make report of their proceedings to the Town.

Voted, that the Selectmen, for the present year, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Addition to Committee

Voted, that John Robinson Esqr. Ensign Enos Burnels, Capt. Jonathan Foster and Capt. Ivory Hovey be a Committee in addition to the Selectmen for the aforesaid purpose. —

Votes for County Treasurer

Hon. Stephen Choate Esqr. ninety three votes for County Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the first Monday of May next to two O'clock in the afternoon. —

At a Legal Town Meeting held in the Meetinghouse of the second parish in Boxford the 4th day of April 1803. for the purpose of giving in their votes for the choice of a Governor, Lieut. Governor Senators and Counsellors. Votes for the following persons were given in, counted and sorted, and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution.

	votes	
Excellency Caleb Strong	100	for Governor.
Hon. Elbridge Gerry	12	

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	votes	
Hon. Edward H. Robbins Esqr.	105	Lieut Governor.
James Bowdoin Esqr.	7	

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	votes	
Nathaniel Marsh Esqr.	102	Senators and Counsellors.
Enoch Titcomb Esqr.	102	
Benjamin Pickman Esqr.	102	
Elias H. Derby Esqr.	101	
Dudley Tyng Esqr.	102	
John Heard Esqr.	101	
Doctor Thomas Hillridge	11	
Joseph Sprague Esqr.	11	
Doctor Daniel Hilliard	11	
Francis Carr Esqr.	11	
William Pearsons Esqr.	11	
Stephen Cross Esqr.	11	
Thomas Perley Esqr.	1	
Nathaniel Wade Esqr.	1	

Sealer of weights and measures.

Pursuant to a Law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts entitled "An Act for the due regulation of Weights and Measures" the 10th day of April 1803.

The subscribers, Selectmen of Boxford, have appointed, and do hereby appoint Mr. Stephen Spofford to be a Sealer of Weights and Measures within said Town the ensuing year.

Thomas Perley,
Samuel Wood,
Israel Herrick,
Jacob Gould Jr.
Israel Adams.

At a legal Town Meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the West parish in Boxford the second day of May 1803. for the purpose of appointing a suitable person to represent the aforesaid Town at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of this May instant and

Representative

Thomas Perley Esqr. was chosen by a unanimous vote.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator.

Money raised.

Voted to raise six hundred dollars to defray the arrears and arising charges of the Town the present year.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr.

Report on Donation.

The Committee to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, managing and leasing the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. ask leave to report, that in pursuance of their trust, they received on the 10th of April last, one years interest on all sums loaned, amounting to one hundred twenty three dollars and sixty seven cents— and on the same day as above mentioned

paid

placed the same sum in the Treasury. The principal is now secured by principal and sureties, in order following, viz.

	Principal	Sureties
$ 123.50.	from Jeremiah Low:	Nathan Low and Solomon Low.
107.25.	from John Robinson Esq.:	Isaac Barker, Aaron Robinson.
100.	from Nathaniel Perley:	Lt. Ansell Hickney, Nath.l Perley Jun.r
100.	from Nathan Robinson:	John Robinson, Aaron Robinson.
70.	from Daniel Adams:	Samuel Wood, Jonathan Foster.
61.	from Nathaniel Nelson:	Aaron Nelson, Solomon Nelson.
300.	from Israel Adams:	Moses Carleton, Israel Foster.
200.	from Moses Spofford:	Jeremiah Spofford, Thomas Dresser.
100.	from Asa Pingree:	Daniel Foster, Moses Merrill.
119.50	from Solomon Wood:	Benjamin Spofford, Moody Perley.
200.	from Daniel Foster:	Joseph Adams, Francis Pingree, Benjamin Adams.
2061.25.		

All which is submitted by

Boxford May 2d, 1803.

Thomas Perley,
John Robinson,
Stephen Spofford.

Vote respecting defficiency of persons in performing labor on highways.

Voted, that the several persons, who were defficient in working out their Highway taxes the year past, in the list committed to St. Vincan Cole, shall be allowed to discharge the same by working on the roads the present year, under the direction of Ensign Joseph Parker, the present Surveyor for the same district, who shall be requested to certify the same to the Selectmen - provided the ~~several~~ services be performed before the first day of July next ensuing. -

April Meeting brought on agreeably to adjournment.

Voted to excuse Amos Perley from serving as Constable the present year.

Chose Joseph Hale Constable.

Voted to accept of Nathaniel Perley to serve as Constable for the aforesaid Joseph Hale.

Voted to excuse David Kimball Jur. from serving as one of the School Committee.

Chose Samuel Gould to serve as one of the schoole Committee.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen respecting the Road near the dwellinghouse of Captain Jacob Gould Jur.; also, that Thomas Perley Esqr. be authorised and empowered to give a deed or deeds of land mentioned in the report of the Selectmen. Report in the following words.

Report of the Road from fishing Brook toward Middleton.

In pursuance of a vote of the Town of Boxford, at their meeting in May 1802. accepting a piece of new town road, and widening part of the old road from the fishing Brook toward Middleton - the Selectmen, after several attempts to negociate in the best manner they could, did, for the sum of twenty seven dollars, obtain by deed to the town, from Doctor George Whitfield Sawyer and wife, about ninety square poles of land, being all the land taken up by the new Road, together with about forty square poles, seperated by the said new Road from the Doctors other lands, for which forty poles Ensign Simon Gould has agreed to give six dollars on receiving a deed from some person duly authorised by the town to convey the same - the Selectmen have also, for two dollars and fifty cents obtained an acquittance to the town from Ensign Simon Gould of about twenty square poles of land necessarily taken from him by widening the old road. The new wall which became necessary to be made, and the old wall to be removed, was, on

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previous notice let out to the lowest bidders as follows, viz. eighteen rods of new wall for eighteen dollars and seventy two cents- thirty rods of wall removed, nine dollars and twenty five cents. Bills of cost allowed by the town in November for making and mending the new road into a good passable state seventeen dollars and twelve cents- in the whole seventy one dollars and fifty nine cents; deducting the sum to be paid by Simon Gould of nine dollars, the real cost of the new, and old way is sixty five dollars and fifty nine cents

All which is submitted by

Thomas Perley
Moses Carleton
Jacob Andrews.

Boxford March 14th, 1803.

At a Legal Town Meeting, held in Meetinghouse of the second parish in Boxford the 14th day of June 1803.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator.

Transaction respecting Alewives in Johnsons Pond

Voted to appoint a Committee to take any measures they may consider necessary to preserve the course of the fish called Alewives, in Johnsons brook, so called within the town of Boxford, from Johnsons pond leading to Merrimack River; also, to take any measures respecting the safe passage of said Fish within said Town, from said Johnsons pond into Little pond, so called- to apply to the General Court for the establishment of suitable regulations in these respects, and for the right of taking some Fish at proper times and places within said Town, for the use and benefit of the inhabitants

Voted that the Committee consist of seven persons-

Chose.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr
Enos Enos Bunnels,
Samuel Wood,
Stephen Stafford,
Capt Ivory Hovey,
Joseph Hovey,
Lieut Ebenezer Peabody.

} Committee for the foregoing purpose.

At a legal Town Meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the west parish in Boxford the 31st day of August 1803.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator. —

Voted to approve and receive the list of such of the inhabitants of said Town as the Selectmen have judged duly qualified to serve as Jurors. — Jurors.

Voted that the Selectmen select the proportionate number required by Law, to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court, and at the Court of Common Pleas. which lists are as follows

Supreme Judicial Court.

Israel Adams,
Nathan Andrews Junr.
Jacob Andrews,
Daniel Chapman,
Joseph Carleton,
Samuel Carleton,
Moses Carleton,
Phineas Cole,
Timothy Dorman,
Moses Dorman,
Israel Foster,
James Fletcher,
Jacob Gould Junr.
Daniel Gould,
Samuel Holyoke,

Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions.

Gideon Bixby,
Thimball Cole,
Moses Chadwick,
Simeon Cole,
Francis Curtice,
John Dorman,
Phineas Foster,
Asa Foster,
Jonathan Foster Junr.
Jonas Fletcher.
Samuel Gould,
Moses Gould,
Cornelius Gould,
Leonard Hovey,
Asa Thimball

Supreme Judicial Court

Israel Herrick,
Joseph Hovey,
Ivory Hovey,
David Kimball Jun.
Ebenezer Peabody,
Daniel Peabody,
Stephen Peabody,
Nathaniel Perley,
Aaron Perley,
Amos Perley,
Phineas Perley,
Enos Runnels,
Stephen Spofford,
Parker Spofford,
Samuel Spofford Jun.
Benjamin Spofford,
Joseph Symmonds,
Joseph Symmonds Jun.
Ancill Stickney,
Broadstreet Tyler,
John Tyler,
Samuel Wood,
Moses Davis.

Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions.

Stephen Kimball,
John Kimball,
Micajah Kimball,
William Parker,
Joseph Parker,
Elisphalet Perley,
Moody Perley,
Oliver Perley,
Samuel Perley,
Jesse Perley,
Artemas W. Perley,
Samuel Peabody,
Jonas Runnels,
Phineas Hamlet,
James Russell,
John Towne Jun.
Thomas Spofford,
Joseph Smith,
Joseph Wood,
Solomon Wood,
John Sawyer,
Willard Laine.

Voted to accept and approve of the foregoing selection, made by the Selectmen.

Vote respecting the appointment of Jurors.

Voted, that when Jurymen are required to be appointed, the Selectmen, or the major part of them, together with the Town Clerk, being duly notified for said purpose, shall be deemed sufficient notice for the appointment of such Jurors.

Alewives. Stile upon Fourmile pond.

Voted to appoint a Committee to enquire into the practicability and propriety of opening and securing a passage for the fish called Alewives, up the stream, within

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the town, from Ipswich River into Stiles pond, and four Mile pond – and make report to the town.

Chose John Robinson Esq.r
Nathaniel Perley,
Thomas Perley Esq.r
Capt. Richard Peabody,
Richard Foster,
Ens.r Daniel Gould,
Deacon Moses Peabody.
} Committee for the aforesaid purpose.

Alewives Rush pond. Voted that the Committee appointed the 14th of June last, be a Committee to enquire into the propriety and expediency of attempting to introduce the fish called Alewives, into Rush pond, so called, and report to the town.

Vote respecting David Coburn's Taxes. It was put to vote, to see if the town would abate the taxes of David Coburn which are due for the year 1790. and it passed in the negative.

At a legal town Meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the North parish in Boxford the 1st day of March 1804.

Chose Stephen Spofford Moderator.

Voted to appoint a Committee to view the way prayed for by Major Asa Perley and others and, that after hearing the offers and proposals of the parties respecting said way, the matter be submitted to the discretion and Judgment of such Committee.

Chose Capt. Ivory Hovey,
Israel Adams,
Samuel Spofford jr.
} Committee for the above written purpose.

At a legal Town Meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford the 2nd day of April 1804.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator.

Chose Moses Dorman Clerk.

Choice of Town Officers.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr.
Ens. Enos Runnels,
Ens. Joseph Symonds Jr.
Thomas Spofford,
Israel Herrick.
} Selectmen and Assessors.

Chose Jacob Andrews
Joseph Carlton
} Constables.

Chose Lieut. Ancill Stickney } Treasurer.

Voter for County Treasurer.

Hon. Stephen Choate Esqr. votes 82
Robert Farley —— 8
} For County Treasurer.

Chose Samuel Killam,
Moses Gould,
Phineas Foster,
John Sawyer,
William Rea,
Ens. Daniel Gould,
Phineas Perley,
Joseph Killam,
Stephen Kimball,
Amos Kimball,
Capt. Moses Carleton,
Ens. Joseph Parker,
Joseph Wood.
} Surveyors of Highways.

Chose Aaron Perley,
Stephen Peabody,
Israel Adams,
Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody.
} Fence-viewers.

Chose Ens. Cornelius Gould,
David Kimball.
} Tythingmen

Chose Moses Gould,
Moses Stiles,
Leonard Hovey,
David Coburn.
} Hogreeves

Chose.

Chose Francis Curtice,
Timothy Derman,
Samuel Wood } Field-drivers.

Chose Ens.r Joseph Symonds ju.r
Aaron Perley,
Samuel Carleton,
Joseph Hovey } Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose Asa Peabody,
Moses Chadwick } Poundkeepers.

Chose Doct.r William Gage,
Lieut. Simeon Cole,
John Tyler,
Samuel Stafford ju.r
Samuel Gould,
Capt. Joseph Symonds,
Moses Gould,
Ens.r Daniel Gould,
Amos Perley. } School Committee.

Money raised for support of schools — how appropriated.

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the support and maintainance of schools the present year, and to appropriate one fourth part thereof for Women schools.

Money raised for the repair of High ways.

Voted to raise six hundred dollars for the repair and amendment of Highways and town roads the present year. and that the money be assessed and paid in the same manner as was done the last year.

Rates allowed per day on said Highways.

Voted to allow a man, per day, working on the roads, seventy five cents; for a yoke of oxen fifty cents; for a Cart twenty five cents; and for a plough fifty cents per day.

Raised in addition to the $600 for repair of Roads

Voted to raise one hundred dollars, in addition to the six hundred, for the purpose of repairing said roads and ways.

Restrictions on Swine.

It was put to vote, to see if the town would grant that swine should go at large, and it passed in the negative.

Committees report on Alewive, Proceedings.

Voted to accept the Report, and allow the bill exhibited by the Committee appointed to consider and take necessary measures, to preserve the course of the fish called Alewives, in Johnsons.

Johnsons Brook within the town of Boxford; also, from Johnsons pond to Little pond, and from Johnsons pond to Rush pond- which Report is as follows

Report.

The Committee appointed to consider and take necessary measures to preserve the course of the fish called Alewives, in Johnsons Brook within the town of Boxford; also, from Johnsons pond to Little pond, and from Johnsons pond to Rush pond; to apply to the General Court for suitable arrangements, and for the right of taking said Fish for the benefit of the inhabitants of the town- Ask leave to Report, that in conformity to their appointment, in June last the Committee viewed the streams aforesaid, and found by actual measurement, that Johnsons brook, from the outlet at the pond, runs within the town of Boxford about eighty six rods before it falls into the town of Bradford- and that about sixteen rods of the lower part of the Brook from Little pond to Johnsons pond is within the town of Boxford. The Committee were satisfied that, the last year, the fish came plentifully up these streams, and that some parts of the way may be made convenient for taking them. The Committee were also of opinion that, with proper attention, it is probable that the ancient course of the fish from Johnsons pond to Rush pond might be again renewed. For these purposes, a petition was presented to the General Court early in the last session- whereupon it was ordered, that the petitioners publish a copy of their petition, with an order thereon, that all persons might appear on a day therein mentioned, and shew cause, if any they had, why the prayer of the Petition should not be granted.— The town of Bradford had a meeting, raised a committee, and directed them to oppose the prayer of the petition, that committee immediately set about measuring the length of the streams within the respective towns, and.

Report continued

and surveying the ponds lying between them; these movements were noticed by the petitioners, who considered, that, to be able to correct any erroneous statements which might possibly be made, it was proper on their part, to take a survey and plan of the waters, and that some of their number, most acquainted with the actual situation of the case, should attend before a Committee of the General Court at the time of hearing, which took place on the 14th of February; and after fully hearing the cause which that Committee made, report, that in their opinion, the prayer of the petition ought to be granted - their report was accepted the petitioners had leave to bring in a bill for that purpose, which, having passed the various stages, a copy thereof is herewith presented.

In prosecution of this business, some cost has arisen, and is exhibited in the annexed account all which is respectfully submitted by

Thornas Perley,
Samuel Wood,
Enos Hummels,
Ebenezer Peabody,
Joseph Hovey,
Stephen Shofford,
Ivory Hovey

Berford March 20th, 1804.

Bill as exhibited.

Bill exhibited by Committee

The town of Berford to the Committee, Debtor as follows,
To Thornas Perley, the money paid Gale and Fay for publishing copy of petition and Order thereon $3.
To money paid for postage of a letter and papers 0.14
Total 3.14

Committee empowered to execute the alewive act.

Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons to carry into execution the act relative to securing and taking fish called Alewives, within the Town of Berford.

Committee to sell said Fish at 25 cents per hund.

Voted, that such Committee, or any person under their direction, may sell such fish at the rate of twenty five cents per hundred.

Rate allowed pr day to said Committee

Voted to allow each person of such Committee one dollar per days, for every day necessarily employed in

in that service – and that such Committee point out the places for taking said fish.

Committee empowered to treat with Town of Bradford.

Voted, that such committee enter into any agreement with the Town of Bradford, which they may judge proper with respect to securing the privilege which may be derived by taking, and disposing of said fish.

Chose Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody, Lieut. Simeon Cole, Capt Ivory Hovey } Committee for the aforenamed purposes.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee, respecting the propriety and expediency of attempting to introduce the fish, called Alewives, into Stiles' pond, accepted – and to appoint an agent, to apply to the Town of Andover for the privilege of that part of the stream which is in said Town.

Chose Deacon John Robinson Esq.r Agent for the above purpos.

Report of the Committee to view fishing Brook stream to Stiles pond.

The Committee appointed at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford, the 31st day of August inst. to enquire into the practicability and propriety of opening and securing a passage for the fish, called Alewives, up the Fish brook into Stiles' pond, and the stream from Topsfield into Four mile pond, ask leave to report as follows, viz. That it is the opinion of this Committee, that there does not appear any natural and unavoidable obstructions to opening and securing a passage for the fish, from Topsfield River into Stiles' pond, and from thence back to the River – and as part of the streams lays within the town of Andover, per from the Inhabitants of that Town, we suggest the propriety of conferring measures with that Town, to obtain a relinquishment of their right in those streams, if it can be obtained on reasonable terms.

The Committee are of opinion, that it may be advisable, not to undertake any thing from

your

four mile pond to Mansfield, till after the experiment has been made on the other stream from Stiles' pond.

Dated Boxford March 31st 1804.

John Robinson,
Nathaniel Perley,
Thomas Perley
} Committee.

Meeting adjourned

Voted to adjourn this meeting till the first monday in May next at two O'clock afternoon.

Meeting for choice of Governor, Lt Governor, Senators and Counsellors

At a legal town Meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford on Monday the 2nd day of April 1804. for the purpose of giving in votes for the choice of a Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators and Counsellors. Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted and counted, and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution.

	votes	
Excellency Caleb Strong	106	for Governor.
Hon. James Sullivan	100	

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	votes	
Hon. Edward H. Robbins	97	Lieut. Governor.
William Heath	100	
Deacon Parker Stafford	1	

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	votes	
Nathaniel Warren Esq.	102	Senators and Counsellors.
Enoch Titcomb Esq.	102	
Elias H. Derby Esq.	100	
John Heard Esq.	102	
William Prescott Esq.	101	
John Phillips Esq.	102	
Joseph Sprague Esq.	100	
Daniel Hilliard Esq.	100	
William Pearsons Esq.	100	
Thomas Hillsridge Esq.	100	
Capt. James Prince	100	
Doctor Josiah Smith	100	
Thomas Perley Esq.	1	

Boxford April 6th, 1804.

Sealer of weights and measures

Pursuant to a Law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "an act for the due regulation of Weights and Measures" We the subscribers, Selectmen of Boxford, have appointed Mr. Stephen Spofford to be a sealer of weights and Measures within said Town the ensuing year.

Witness our hands

Thomas Perley,
Enos Bennett,
Joseph Symonds Jr.
Thomas Spofford,
Israel Herrick.

At a legal town Meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford the 7th day of May 1804. for the purpose of appointing a suitable person to represent the aforesaid Town, at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May instant. The votes were as follows.

Representative

Thomas Perley Esqr. 49 votes
Moses Dorman 41 } for Representative

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator for the remainder of the meeting.

Voted to pass over the second article in the Warrant which was respecting the Road from Emery's gate to the Poplar tree

Money raised for necessary charges.

Voted to raise six hundred dollars to defray the necessary charges of the current year.

Acceptance of Report on Donation

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of managing, leasing and improving the Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. and that the same be put on record.

Report.

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, managing and leasing the Estate devised to the town by the Hon.

Report continued

Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr, ask leave to Report.

That in pursuance of their trust, they received on the 17th of April last, one years interest on all sums loaned, amounting to one hundred, twenty three dollars and sixty seven cents and on the same day as above mentioned, placed the same in the Treasury.

The property remaining in principal and sureties, the same as the last year.

All which is submitted by Thomas Perley, Stephen Spofford.

Boxford April 7th 1804.

Respecting the lower bridge and Causey over Fishbrook.

Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons, to examine the lower causey and bridge, over the Fishing brook, and that such Committee, after examining the said Bridge and causey, take such measures as to them may appear proper for the necessary repair of thereof

Chose Capt. Jacob Gould Jr.
Jacob Andrews,
Ensr. Joseph Symonds
} Committee for the above purpose

Voted to pass over the seventh article in the Warrant

April meeting brought on.

April meeting brought on agreeably to adjournment.

Bills of charge allowed.

Voted to allow Ensr. Joseph Symonds three dollars and fifty cents, for plank which he procured for the repair of Bridges.

Voted to allow Ensr. Cornelius Gould six dollars and fifty three cents for plank and timber to repair bridges.

Voted to allow Lieut. Ancill Stickney fourteen dollars for serving as Treasurer two years, viz. 1802 and 1803.

Voted to allow John Towne Jr. fifty five cents for plank which he procured to repair the Bridge over the Fordway.

Vote respecting Nathaniel Sessions

Voted to appoint a Committee to confer with Collector Lemuel Wood concerning the delinquency and imprisonment of Nathaniel Sessions, or nonpayment of Taxes and on mature deliberation, to take any measures they shall consider most eligible relating to the subject.

Voted that the Selectmen for the present year, and in addition thereto, Nathaniel Perley and Moses Chadwick be a Committee, for the foregoing purpose.

Meeting for choice of electors.

At a Meeting of the male Inhabitants of the town of Boxford, qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being assembled in manner as the Law directs for calling town meetings, on Monday the 5th day of November 1804. to give in their written votes for nineteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, conformable to a Resolve of the General Court of said Commonwealth, passed the 15th day of June last, and for giving in their votes for one Representative to Congress. Votes for the following persons were given in, counted and sorted, and declaration thereof made as required by the aforesaid Resolve, viz.

			votes
At large	Hon. David Cobb Esq.	Goldsborough	00
	Hon. Oliver Wendell Esq.	Boston	00
	Hon. James Sullivan Esq.	Boston	10
	Hon. Elbridge Gerry Esq.	Cambridge	10.
Suffolk District.	Hon. John Coffin Jones Esq.	Boston	00
	Hon. James Bowdoin Esq.	Boston	10
Essex south District.	Hon. Benjamin Goodhue Esq.	Salem	00
	Colo. John Hathorne	Salem	10
Essex north District.	Hon Bailey Bartlett Esq.	Haverhill	00
	Doct. Thomas Kittridge	Andover	10
Middlesex District.	Hon. Ebenezer Brooks Esq.	Lincoln	00
	Hon. James Winthrop Esq.	Cambridge	10
Hampshire south District.	Hon. William Shepard Esq.	Westfield	00
	Jonathan Smith Jr. Esq.	West Springfield	10
Hampshire North District.	Hon. Ebenezer Mattoon Esq.	Amherst	00
	Edward Upham Esq.	New Salem	10
Plymouth District.	Hon William Sever Esq.	Kingston	00
	Hon. James Warren Esq.	Plymouth	10
Barnstable District.	Ebenezer Bacon Esq.	Barnstable	00
	Hon John Davis Esq.	Barnstable	10
Bristol District.	Hon George Leonard Esq.	Norton	00
	Hon Josiah Dean Esq.	Raynham	10

			votes
Worcester South District.	Joseph Allen Esqr.	Worcester	00
	Gen. Timothy Newell	Sturbridge	10
Worcester North District	Hon Josiah Stearns Esq.	Lunenburgh	00
	Gen. John Whitney.	Lancaster	10
Berkshire District.	Hon. David Rossetter Esq.	Richmond	00
	Hon. John Bacon Esqr.	Stockbridge	10
Norfolk District.	Hon. Cotton Tufts Esqr.	Weymouth	00
	Hon. William Heath Esq.	Roxbury	10
York District.	Hon. John Lord Esqr.	Berwick	00
	Hon. John Woodman Esq.	Buxton	10
Cumberland District.	Hon. Isaac Parker Esq.	Portland	00
	Hon. Charles Turner Esq.	Turner	10
Lincoln District.	Hon. Thomas Rice Esq.	Wescasset	00
	John Farley Esq.	Newcastle	10
Kennebeck District.	Samuel Wilde Esq.	Hallowell	00
	Cont. Thomas Fillebrown	Hallowwell	10

For Representative to Congress.

	votes	
Jeremiah Nelson Esqr.	00	For
Doctor Thomas Kelleridge	19	Representative

At a legal town Meeting, held in the Meeting house of the first parish in Borford on Monday the 5th day of November 1804.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator.

Vote respecting the expence which has arisen on account of the imprisonment of Nathl. Sessions

Voted that the Selectmen for the present year, together with Nathaniel Perley and Moses Chadwick, be a Committee to go and confer with the West parish, or with a Committee appointed by said West parish, on the subject of the expence which has arisen by the confinement of Nathaniel Sessions in Ipswich Gaol, and that said Committee be fully authorised to settle the said matter with said West parish in the most eligible manner.

Vote concerning Alewives.

Voted that Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody, Lieut Simeon Cole and Capt. Ivory Hovey be a Committee fully impowered to apply for Legislative interference

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or to have recourse to Judicial process or to any other measures which they may consider most eligible, to prevent, in future, any person or persons whatsoever, from continuing to raise, to flow, or cause the waters to be retained, held and kept above their natural heigh-th within the town of Boxford, on any part of the stream leading from Rush pond, Little pond and Johnsons pond to Merimack River, during any part of the time provided by law, for clearing obstructions and taking of Fish in said streams.

Bills of charge allowed.

Voted to allow the bill of charge exhibited by Israel Adams and Samuel Spofford Jr. of twenty nine dollars for time and expence, in behalf of the Town on account of the Road prayed for by Major Asa Perley and others, from Henry Perley's to the Meeting house.

Voted to allow Capt. Ivory Hovey's bill of eight dollars and fifty cents for three days attendance at the General Court at Boston, on the Fish Petition - and two days and a half, in behalf of the town, on account of the Road Prayed for by Asa Perley and others.

Road from Meeting house to Road near Henry Perley's

The 16th day of January 1803. Upon the petition of Majr. Asa Perley and others. The subscribers, Selectmen of Boxford, have laid out a Town Road, beginning near the Meeting house in the first parish at a Cherry tree marked, thence running north 72 3/4 degrees east over land improved by Samuel Holyoke and land of Samuel Dorman 52 poles and fifteen links to a stake at the side of an old cellar; thence north 83 degrees east over land of Samuel Dorman and land of the Revd. Elizeer Holyoke 24 poles and fifteen links to a stake; thence north 89 3/4 degrees east over land of the Revd. Elizeer Holyoke 13 poles and 20 links to a stake at the southerly side of Henry Perley's land, by the Road leading from Middleton to Rowley the said Road to be two rods wide on the southerly side of the above described line

Thomas Perley
Moses Carleton
Jacob Andrews
Joseph Symonds Jr.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Approved by Court of Sessions

Essex SS. At the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, begun and holden at Newbury port, within and for the County of Essex on the last tuesday of September Anno Domini 1804.

The Court having heard the said Town of Boxford, do thereupon accept and approve of the said Private way as laid out by the Selectmen of that Town and do hereby direct the same to be recorded in the Town book of the same Town of Boxford, in order that it may become a Town way for the use of the Inhabitants of that Town according to law

Attest: Jehabod Tucker, Clerk

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meetinghouse of the West parish in Boxford the 1st day of April 1805.

Choice of Town Officers Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator

Chose Moses Dorman Clerk.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr.
Isaac Barker,
Ensn. Joseph Symonds Jr.
John Kimball,
Israel Herrick.
} Selectmen and Assessors.

Chose Amos Perley
Moses Chadwick } Constables.

Chose Lieut. Ancill Stickney } Treasurer.

Chose Capt. Ivory Hovey,
Lieut. Simeon Cole,
Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody } Fish Committee and Fish Wardens.

Voted, that the Fish Committee have the same compensation allowed them for their service, and the same price per hundred for fish which was allowed the last year.

Votes for County Treasurer } viz. Hon. Stephen Choate Esqr. votes 103 } for County Treasurer.
Major Robert Farley. 7 }

Chose Capt. Ivory Hovey,
Samuel Carleton,
John Tyler,
Joseph Carleton,
David Kimball,
Gideon Bixby,
Timothy Dorman
Deacon Parker Spofford,
Jesse Perley.
} School Committee.

Chose Francis Curtice,
Jacob Andrews,
Samuel Peabody,
Asa Foster,
Decn. Moses Peabody,
Capt. Richard Peabody,
Aaron Perley
Abraham Perley
Thomas Spofford,
} Surveyors of Highways.

Jeremiah.

Jeremiah Herriman,
Capt. Moses Carleton,
Ens.r Joseph Parker,
Micajah Kimball } Surveyors of Highways

Chose Aaron Perley,
Stephen Peabody,
Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody,
Capt. Moses Carleton. } Fence viewers.

Chose Simeon Stiles,
Lieut. Phineas Cole. } Pythingmers

Chose Francis Curtice,
Phineas Perley,
Ens.r Enos Hummels,
Moses Chadwick } Hogreeves.

Chose John Gould,
Aaron Perley,
Israel Adams,
David Kimball. } Field Drivers.

Chose Samuel Carleton,
Ens.r Joseph Symmonds jun.r
Ens.r Joseph Parker,
Solomon Low. } Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose Asa Peabody.
Moses Chadwick } Poundkeepers.

Money raised for Schools, and how appropriated.

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the support and maintenance of schools — and that one fourth part of the above sum, be appropriated for Women schools.

Money raised for repair of High ways.

Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the repair and amendment of highways and town roads for the present year, and that it be assessed and paid in the same manner as was done the last year. —

Rates allowed per day on said Ways

Voted to allow a man, per day, working on the roads, one dollar; for a yoke of oxen, seventy five cents; for a cart fifty cents, and for a plough seventy five cents per day.

Swine restrained. Voted that Swine be restrained from going at large the present year.

Collectors of taxes. Voted, that the collection of State, County and Town Taxes be let out to the lowest bidders, they giving bond for the faithful performance of the same.

Neat cattle, horses &c. restrained. Voted that neat cattle, horses, mules and asses be restrained from going at large within the limits of the Town without a keeper, as last before voted.

Bill of charge allowed. Voted to allow the bill of ~~[illegible]~~ hundred ninety six dollars and eight cents, exhibited by the Committee appointed to repair the lower Bridge and Causeway over Fish-brook.

Meeting adjourned. Voted to adjourn the meeting to the first Monday of May next, at half past one O'clock afternoon, at this place.

Meeting for choice of Governor, Lt. Governor, Senators and Counsellors. At a legal Town-Meeting, held in the Meeting house of the West parish in Boxford the 1st day of April 1805. for the purpose of delivering in votes for the choice of a Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators and Counsellors. Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted and counted, and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution.

His Excellency Caleb Strong — votes 110 } for Governor.
Hon. James Sullivan — 23 }

Hon. Edward H. Robbins — 119 }
William Heath — 20 } for Lt. Governor.
Thomas Perley Esq.r — 1 }

Hon. Nathaniel Marsh Esq.r — 119 }
Hon. Enoch Titcomb Esq.r — 119 }
Hon. Elias H. Derby Esq.r — 119 }
Hon. John Heard Esq.r — 119 } Senators
Hon. John Phillips Jun.r Esq.r — 120 }

Doct.r Joshua Fisher — 116 }
Thomas Perley Esq.r — 3 }
Nathaniel Weed Esq.r — 1 } erred
Major Joseph Sprague — 21 }
Doctor Thomas Kittredge — 21 } Counsellors.
Doct.r Daniel Killam — 21 }
William Pearsons Esq. — 21 }
Col. John Hathorne — 21 }
Capt. James Prince — 21 }

April meeting brought on

April Meeting brought on agreeably to Adjournment.

Appointment of Collectors of Taxes.

The collection of the South district of State, County and Town Taxes was struck off to Stephen Peabody at one and three quarters per cent, for the present year.

The collection of the North district of State, County and Town Taxes was struck off to Phineas Perley, at one and three quarters per cent for the present year.

Voted that the above named Stephen Peabody and Phineas Perley be Collectors, under the restrictions pointed out by the Town. -

Taxes of Jacob Dwinell abated.

Voted to abate the taxes of Jacob Dwinell in collector Nathaniel Perley's list of rates for the year 1793.

Taxes of Sath.l Session credited

Voted that the Treasurer credit Collector Lemuel Wood for five dollars and forty seven cents, being the sum committed to Collector Wood, on a tax against Nathaniel Sessions within one year of his imprisonment.

12.th article in Warrant suspended till

Voted to pass over the 12.th article in the Warrant, till such time as a bill shall be exhibited from Doctor Spofford.

Treasurers bill allowed.

Voted to allow Mr. Treasurer Stickney seven dollars for his service as Treasurer for the year 1804.

Voted to excuse Jesse Perley from serving as one of the School Committee.

Chose Aaron Perley to serve in his place.

Appointment of a Sealer of Weights and Measures.

The Subscribers, Selectmen of Boxford, being met together this 16.th day of April 1805. pursuant to a Law of the Commonwealth, have appointed, and do hereby appoint Mr. Stephen Spofford, sealer of Weights and Measures the year ensuing.

Thomas Perley.
Isaac Barker,
John Kimball,
Joseph Symmes, Jur.

At a Legal Town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the West parish in Boxford on Monday the 6th day of May 1805. for the purpose of appointing a suitable person to represent the aforesaid Town at the General Court, appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May instant.

The votes were as follows, viz:

Representative

	votes	
Thomas Perley Esqr.	41	for
Samuel Holyoke	24	
Enoch Daniel Gould	1	Representative

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator for the remainder of the meeting.

Money raised

Voted to raise nine hundred dollars to defray the arisen and arising charges of the town the present year.

Acceptance of report on Donation

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of managing, leasing and improving the Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. and that the same be put on record.

Report.

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improveing, managing and leasing the Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. ask leave to report, that in pursuance of their trust, they received, on the 1st of April last, one years interest on all sums loaned, amounting to one hundred twenty three dollars and sixty seven cents — and on the 20th day of said month, placed the same in the Treasury: the principal stands secured the same as has been reported two years past.

All which is submitted by

Thomas Perley,
John Robinson,
Stephen Sprofford.

Boxford May 6th, 1805.

Licenses Voted

Vote respecting the Estate which Jacob Cummings died seized of

Voted, that, whereas the town of Boxford, for about fourteen years past, have supported, and continue to support, two of the children of Jacob Cummings late of said Boxford Yeoman deceased, and thereby, an equitable and lawful demand arises in favour of the town, against the estate of said Deceased, as far as the circumstances of such estate will admit— therefore voted, that the Town Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to receive, to the use of the town, from Thomas Perley Administrator of the estate of the aforesaid Jacob Cummings, that part of the estate, whether in money, or promissory notes, which may remain in his hands on a settlement and allowance of all other existing demands in the Probate Office— and provided unknown demands shall hereafter arise against said Estate, whereby it shall become necessary that the same be rendered insolvent; the town hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Administrator, that the whole amount of the sum, or sums which may be received from him by the Treasurer as aforesaid shall, thereupon revert to, and be repaid, by the Treasurer, to the said Thomas Perley in his said Capacity of Administrator, that the same may be distributed according to Law. And whereas an equitable demand is supposed to exist in the right of Elisabeth Hunt, in favor of the estate of the aforesaid Jacob Cummings to the amount of fifteen dollars and thirty cents, resting in the hands of the aforesaid Thomas Perley, in the capacity of Administrator of the estate of William Hale late of Boxford Physician deceased. Wherefore, voted that, if the said Thomas Perley, as Administrator of

the ~~rest~~ estate of the said Jacob Cummings, shall pass to the credit of said Estate, the aforesaid sum of fifteen dollars and thirty cents, and shall pay the same into the Town Treasury, that the same sum shall be immediately remitted and paid by the Treasurer, to him the said Thomas Perley, whenever Elizabeth Hunt, or any person claiming under her shall, shall demand the same.

Vote respecting the Widow of Isaac Perkins.

Voted, that the Selectmen be directed, under existing circumstances, to prevent views and information, not to receive, or provide for the maintenance of the Widow of Isaac Perkins, now residing at Salem.

Vote respecting a Town road passing over lands of Rev.d E. Holyoke and his son Samuel.

Voted that the Selectmen, or the major part of them be authorised to enter into a Reference with the Rev.d Eliezer Holyoke and his son Samuel, for a settlement of the damages they have sustained by a Town road passing over their lands.

Annual Town-Meeting

At a Legal Town-Meeting, held in the Meeting house of the first parish in Boxford the 7th day of April 1806.

Choice of Town Officers.

Chose Thomas Perley Esq.r Moderator.

Chose Moses Dorman Clerk.

Chose Thomas Perley Esq.r
John Kimball,
Lieut. Joseph Symmonds jun.r
Ens.n Enos Bummels,
John Dorman
} Selectmen and Assessors.

Chose Moses Chadwick,
Stephen Peabody.
} Constables.

Collectors of Taxes and their fees.

Voted to let out the collection of taxes for the present year to the lowest bidders.

The collection of taxes, for the south district, was struck off to Stephen Peabody at two per cent. The north district, to Nathaniel Perley at one dollar and seventy cents per cent.

Chose

Choice of Town Officers.

Chose Stephen Peabody, Nathaniel Perley } Collectors.

Chose Ansell Stickney } Treasurer.

Chose Capt. Ivory Hovey,
Ens.n Enos Runnels,
John Tyler,
Israel Foster,
John Foster, } School Committee.
Enoch Foster,
John Goubil,
Capt. William Perley,
Thomas Perley Esq.

Chose John Goulet,
Lieut. Joseph Symonds Jur.
Joseph Smith,
Simeon Stiles,
Asa Kimball,
Israel Herrick, } Surveyors of Highways.
John Dermen,
Jesse Burnam,
Joseph Carleton,
Moody Perley,
Samuel Carleton,
Ens.r Joseph Parker,
Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody.

Chose Nathaniel Perley,
Stephen Peabody,
Jonathan Foster Jur. } Fence-viewers.
Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody.

Chose Oliver Peabody,
Lieut. Phineas Cole. } Tythingmen.

Capt. Joseph Symonds,
Nathaniel Perley,
Jonathan Foster Jur.
Daniel Adams. } Hogreeves.

Chose Asa Foster,
Jesse Perley
Samuel Shillam,
Jonas Runnels,
Israel Foster } Field-drivers.

Chose Solomon Low,
Lieut. Joseph Symonds Jur.
Samuel Carleton,
Stephen Runnels } Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose Capt. Joseph Seymonds, Moses Chadwick. } Poundkeepers

Chose Lt. Ebenezer Peabody, Lieut. Simeon Cole, Capt. Ivory Hovey. } Fish-Committee

Fish committee allowance

Voted, that the Fish Committee be allowed one dollar per day each, for the time necessarily spent in that service; also, that they be authorized to sell fish at the rate of twenty five cents per hundred.

Voted to repair the highways and town roads by a rate the present year.

Money raised for the repair of Highways.

Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the above purpose, and that the same regulations be observed as have been formerly.

Rates allowed per day for labor on the roads.

Voted to allow a man per day, working on the roads one dollar; for a yoke of oxen seventy five cents; for a cart fifty cents; for a plough seventy five cents per day.

Money raised for Schools and how appropriated.

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the maintenance of schools, and that one fourth part thereof be appropriated for women schools.

Swine restrained

Voted to restrain Swine from going at large the present year.

Cattle horses &c restrained.

Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses and horse kind from going at large, from the first of April, till the last of October, during the towns pleasure.

Vote on Doct. Moses Spafford's Bill

Voted that the Selectmen pay to Doctor Moses Spofford, one half of the bill which he exhibited to the Town of Boxford for attendance on the family of John Dresser, in case he will give up the other half to the said John Dresser.

Referred to the Selectmen the charge for Mars

Voted to refer the tenth article in the Warrant, which respects a settlement with Mr. Samuel Wood for supporting Mars, a negro man deceased, to the Selectmen, to settle the matter with the said Samuel Wood, on as reasonable terms as they can.

for John Ober

Voted to refer the matter respecting John Ober to the discretion of the Selectmen.

Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons to take every particular circumstance into consideration, respecting

Vote respecting Putnam Perley.

respecting Putnam Perley, and that such Committee have full power to conduct all matters respecting the support of the said Putnam.

Chose Capt. Jacob Goulet Jnr.
Stephen Peabody,
Thirman Foster
} Committee for the foregoing purpose

Bill of charge allowed

Voted to accept and allow the bill exhibited by the Committee appointed to make the necessary repairs on the Bridge and Causeway at the lower part of Boxford - fifty eight dollars and ten cents.

Voted to excuse John Tyler from serving as one of the School Committee.

Chose Thomas Stafford to serve in his place.

Votes for County Register

	votes
Amos Choate Esqr.	103
John Pinchard	20

Votes for County Treasurer

	Votes
Hon. Stephen Choate Esqr.	103
Majr. Robert Farley	10

Meeting adjourned

Voted to adjourn the meeting till Thursday the 15th day of May next, to two O' clock in the afternoon at this place.

Meeting for choice of Governor &c.

At a legal town Meeting, held in the Meeting house of the first parish in Boxford the 7th day of April 1806 for the purpose of delivering in votes for the choice of a Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators and Counsellors. Votes for the following persons were given in, counted sorted and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution.

	votes
His Excellency Caleb Strong Esqr.	115
James Sullivan	24

for Governor.

	votes
Edward H. Robbins	115
William Heath	23

for Lt Governor.

Enoch

Hon. Enoch Titcomb Esqr	115	Senators
Hon. John Heard Esqr	115	
Hon. Elias H. Derby Esqr	115	
Hon. John Phillips Junr Esqr	115	
Nathaniel Thurston Esqr	108	
John Rowe Esqr	113	
Thomas Perley Esqr	7	
William Prescott Esqr	1	and
Joseph Sprague Esqr	26	
Doctor Thomas Whittredge	26	Counsellors.
Doctor Daniel Killam	26	
John Hathorne Esqr	26	
Moses Little	26	
David Pierce	26	

Annual meeting brought on agreeably to adjournment.

The town convened agreeably to adjournment and Voted to excuse Capt Joseph Symonds from serving as a Hogreef — Chose John Sawyer to serve as Hogreef in his place.

Voted to excuse Israel Foster from serving as one of the school Committee.

Voted to excuse Jonathan Foster Junr from serving as a fence viewer. Chose Israel Adams to serve as a fence viewer.

Voted to excuse Moody Perley from serving as a Surveyor of Highways. Chose Abraham Tyler to serve as a Surveyor of Highways in the place of Moody Perley.

Voted to excuse Thomas Perley Esqr from serving as one of the School Committee. Chose Benjamin Glosford to serve in his place.

Voted to excuse Capt. William Perley from serving as one of the School Committee. Chose Israel Herrick to serve in the place of Capt William Perley.

Bills of charge allowed —

Voted to allow Capt. Ameill Stickney seven dollars for service as Treasurer the year 1805.

Voted to allow the bill exhibited by Jacob Andrews, of seven dollars and fifty cents for plank which he procured for covering a Bridge.

Voted to allow the bill of five dollars and seventy five cents, presented by Capt. Ivory Hovey, for plank which he procured for a footway thro' Mr. Pearl's Mill dam.

Voted to allow Nathaniel Perley's bill of three dollars and sixty two cents for time and expence in account of Nathaniel Sessions.

Voted.

Bills of charge allowed

Voted to allow the bill of six dollars, presented by Lieut Ebenezer Peabody for timber procured by him for a fish way, through Mr Pearls Mill dam, and for labor on said Fishway.

Voted to allow Lt. Simeon Cole three dollars and fifty cents for timber and labor for the fishway through Mr Pearls Mill dam.

Voted to allow Stephen Peabody twenty dollars and seventeen cents, as per bill, for time and money paid by him on account of Putnam Perley.

Committee for Putnam Perley authorized

Voted that the Committee, appointed to take the care of Putnam Perley have liberty to draw out of the Treasury the sum of forty dollars to defray the expence arisen on account of said Putnam, and that the Committee account for the same to the town.

Voted, that the Selectmen be directed to furnish the said Putnam Perley with clothing.

Appointment of a Sealer of Weights and Measures.

In compliance with a Law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "An act for the due regulation of Weights and Measures" We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Boxford, have assembled, and do hereby appoint Mr Stephen Spofford to be a sealer of weights and measures within said town of Boxford the ensuing year.

Witness our hands at Boxford the 15th day of April 1806.

Thomas Perley,
John Kimball,
Joseph Symmonds Jur
John Dorman.

Meeting for choice of a Representative to General Court

At a legal town-meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford, the 15th day of May 1806 for the purpose of appointing a suitable person to represent the aforesaid Town at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May instant.

Votes as follows viz.

	votes	
Thomas Perley Esqr	51	for
Deacon Parker Spofford	1	
Moses Dorman	15	Representative

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator for the remainder of the meeting.

Money raised for arising charges.

Voted to raise six hundred dollars to defray the arising charges of the town the present year.

Vote respecting Daniel Foster and Jeremiah Low.

Voted, that Lieut. Daniel Foster and Jeremiah Low, each of them procure satisfactory bail to the Committee appointed to manage the estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr, in one month from this time; otherwise, that they be called on for the principal.

Report on Donation.

Boxford May 15th, 1806.

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, leasing and managing the Estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr — ask leave to report, that the whole amount of the principal sum under their care is now loaned and secured by Bonds as follows, viz.

$ 623.50	From Jeremiah Low; Sureties, Nathan Low deceased and Solomon Low.
207.25	From Isaac Barker; Sureties John Robinson and Aaron Robinson.
61.—	From Nathaniel Nelson; Sureties, Asa Pingree and Nathan Phillips.
100.—	From Nathaniel Perley — Sureties, Ameill Stickney and Nathaniel Perley Junr.
70.—	From Daniel Adams — sureties, Lemuel Wood and Jonathan Foster Junr.
300.—	From Phineas Perley Sureties, Aaron Perley and Abraham Perley.
1441.75	

From

$1441.75
200.— From Moses Spofford; Sureties Benjamin Spofford and Abel Spofford.
100.— From Asa Pingree- Sureties, Nathan Phillips and Billy Broadstreet.
200.— From Joseph Adams and Daniel Foster- sureties, Benjamin Adams and Francis Pingree deceased.
119.50 From Solomon Wood- Sureties Benjamin Spofford and Moody Perley.
2061.25

Total two thousand sixty one dollars and twenty five cents, giving an annual interest of one hundred twenty three dollars and sixty seven cents and was duly received on the day of payment, being the 1st of April, excepting from Jeremiah Low, who paid on the 22nd of April. Such failure, by the regulations of the town, subjects the holder to payment of the principal, unless the town judge there were sufficient reason for an excuse, in this case; also, respecting the renewal of Bonds where one of the party named has deceased- the Committee solicit directions from the town— all which, is respectfully submitted by—

Thomas Perley,
Stephen Spofford } Committee.

Meeting for choice of a Representative to Congress

At a legal town-meeting, held in the Meeting house of of the first parish in Boxford on Monday, the 3d day of November 1806- for the purpose of giving in their written votes for one Representative to the Congress of the United States.— the votes being counted and sorted were as follows, viz.

Edward St. Loe Livermore Esqr 40 }
Doctor Thomas Kitteridge —— 0 } votes

At a Legal town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford the 3d day of November 1806.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator.

Selectmen empowered to settle with Lemuel Wood for supporting Mars.

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to settle with Lemuel Wood for supporting and nursing Mars, a Negro, with a deduction of nine dollars from the said Lemuel Wood's bill of charge.

Case of Asa Andrews and family submitted to the Selectmen.

Voted, that the Selectmen be directed and empowered, to take such measures respecting the support of Asa Andrews and family, now residing in Westford, as to them may appear most advisable.

Vote on bill of Dr. Moses Spofford.

Voted that the town discharge the Bill of Doctor Moses Spofford against John Dresser for attendance and medicine for himself and family.

At a legal town-meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford the 8th day of December 1806.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator.

Vote respecting Asa Snelling.

Voted to defend in the action commenced by the town of Andover, against the town of Boxford for the support and maintenance of Asa Snelling.

Voted to appoint a Committee of five persons to defend in said action.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr.
Ens. Joseph Symonds 3d
Ens. Enos Tunnels,
Moses Chadwick,
Moses Dorman

Committee for the above purpose.

Committee empowered respecting Asa Snelling

Voted that the Committee be jointly and severally empowered to defend in said action in behalf of the town.

Voted that the aforesaid Committee draw out of the Treasury the sum of fifty dollars, if necessary, and that they be accountable to the town for the same.—

Voted, that said Committee have power to settle with the town of Andover on account of said Snelling, in any way and manner which to them may appear proper.

Annual Town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the West parish in Berford the 6th day of April 1807.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator.

Choice of Town Officers.

Chose Moses Dorman Clerk.

Chose Moses Dorman,
John Kimball,
Stephen Spofford,
Samuel Carleton,
Amos Perley. } Selectmen and Assessors.

Voted to choose the Constables by nomination

Chose Phineas Perley,
Moses Chadwick } Constables.

Voted to set out the collection of the taxes, for the present year, to the lowest bidders, which was struck off as follows, viz. South district to Benjamin Spofford at two dollars and 20 cents per cent.

Sixty cents per cent for collecting Taxes.

North district to Phineas Perley at $2.20 per cent.

Voted that Benjamin Spofford and Phineas Perley be collectors of Taxes for the year ensuing.

Chose Capt. Ancill Stickney } Treasurer.

Chose Simeon Peark,
Isaac Barker,
Israel Adams,
Moody Perley,
Deacon Parker Spofford,
Capt. Joseph Symmonds,
Asa Foster,
Nathan Andrew,
John Dorman } School Committee

Chose John Giddings
Moses Gould
Timothy Dorman
Eniv. Cornelius Gould
Enoch Foster
Capt. Ancill Stickney,
Solomon Low, } Surveyors of Highways.

Solomon

Solomon Wood
Samuel Spofford
John Tyler
Capt. Moses Carleton
Isaac Barker
Deacon Broadstreet Tyler
} Surveyors of Highways.

Chose Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody
Capt. Simeon Cole
Capt. Ivory Hovey
} Fish Committee

Voted that the Fish-Committee have the same wages per day which they had the last year - also, that they sell fish at the rate of twenty five cents per hundred.

Chose Jacob Gould Junr
Stephen Peabody
Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody
Jonathan Foster Junr
} Fence viewers.

Chose Benjamin Spofford
Henry Perley
Ens^n Enos Kimmels
} Tythingmen.

Chose Nathaniel Long
Benjamin Pearl
Isaac Barker
Amos Kimball
John Hovey Junr.
} Hogreeves.

Thomas Spofford
Daniel Chapman
Ens^n Cornelius Gould
}

Chose Ens^n Enos Kimmels
Moses Chadwick
Benjamin Robinson
Ens^n Cornelius Gould
Phineas Perley
Joseph Hale
} Field drivers

Ens^n Enos Kimmels
Lieut Joseph Symmonds
} Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Moses Chadwick
Capt. Joseph Symmonds.
} Pound keepers.

Voted, that the Highways and Town roads be repaired by a tax the present year as has been usual.

Voted:

Money raised for repair of Highways.

Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the purpose of amending and repairing said Ways the present year.—

Manner of assessing and paying the same.

Voted, that the above sum be assessed and worked out in the same manner as has formerly been done.

Voted to allow a man per day (working on the roads) one dollar; for a yoke of oxen seventy five cents; for a cart fifty cents, and for a plough seventy five cents per day while improved on the ways.—

Money raised for support of Schools.

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the support and maintenance of schools: and that one fourth of said sum be appropriated for the support of women schools.

Swine restrained

Voted to restrain Swine from going at large the ensuing year.

Restriction on Cattle and horses

Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses and horse kind from going at large, from the first of May to the 20th of November following.

Vote on the way leading by house of Ephraim Foster.

Voted, that the Selectmen take knowledge of the way prayed for by John Robinson Esqr and others, and make report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Bill of charge allowed.

Voted to allow the bill of fourteen dollars and thirty cents presented by Lieut Joseph Symonds Jur. for four hundred and twenty three feet of plank to cover bridges.

Votes for County Treasurer.

Robert Fearley Esqr 24 votes
Hon. Stephen Choate Esq. 140 } For County Treasurer

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 11th day of May next, to two O'clock afternoon.

Meeting for choice of Governor &c.

At a legal town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the west parish in Boxford the 6th day of April 1807. for the purpose of delivering in their votes for the choice of a Governor, Lieut. Governer, Senators and Counsellors. Votes for the following persons were given in, counted, sorted and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution, viz.

	votes	
His Ex. Caleb Strong Esqr	142	For Governor.
Hon. James Sullivan Esqr.	25	

Hon. Edward H. Robbins Esq.	140	For Lieut.
Hon Levi Lincoln ———	25	Governor.

	votes	
Hon. Enoch Titcomb Esqr ———	142	For
Hon. John Heard Esqr ———	142	
Hon. John Phillips Jr. Esqr.	142	
Nathaniel Thurston Esqr	130	Senators
Israel Thorndike ———	142	
William Gray ———	142	
Thomas Perley Esqr ———	4	and
Joseph Sprague Esqr ———	25	
Col. John Hathorn ———	25	Counsellors.
Doctr. Daniel Killam ———	25	
Doctr. Thomas Kitteridge ———	25	
William Pearsons Esqr	25	
Capt. Moses Little ———	25	

At a legal town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the West parish in Boxford the 11th day of May 1807 for the purpose of appointing a suitable person to represent the aforesaid Town at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May instant

Representative

Votes were as follows, viz:

	votes	
Thomas Perley Esqr.	140	For Representative
Daniel Adams	1	

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator for the remainder of the meeting.

Money raised to defray charges.

Voted to raise six hundred dollars to defray the

arrears.

arrisen and arrising charges of the town the present year.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed to take the care of the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq.r and that the same be made a matter of record.

Report of the Committee on Donation

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, leasing and managing the estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq. for and towards the support of a Grammer school, ask leave to report, that on the 17th day of April last, they received and paid over, to the Treasurer, the sum of $123.67. being one year's interest on the sum of $2061.25 the total of all the sums as formerly loaned under their care, and are now held and secured by bonds as follows, viz.

$123.50.	from Jeremiah Low- his sureties Moses Dorman and Solomon Low.
61.00	from Nathaniel Nelson- sureties Asa Pingree and Nathan Phillips
100.00	from Nathaniel Perley- sureties Ameill Pickney and Nathaniel Perley Junr
70.00	from Daniel Adams- sureties Samuel Wood and Jonathan Foster Jur
207.25	from Isaac Barker- sureties John Robinson and Aaron Robinson.
200.00	from Phineas Perley- sureties Aaron Perley and Abraham Perley.
100.00	from Joel Peabody- sureties Nathan Andrews and Samuel Peabody.
119.50	from Solomon Wood- sureties, Henry Perley and Moody Perley.
200.00	from John Pickard Jur- sureties John Pickard and Daniel Foster.
100.00	from Asa Pingree- sureties, John Pickard and Nathaniel Nelson.
200.00	from Moses Spofford- sureties, Benjamin Spofford and Abel Spofford.
$2061.25	Total as before.

Boxford May 11th, 1807.

Thomas Perley
Stephen Spofford
} Committee

Voted.

Voted to pass over the 4th article in the Warrant, which has respect to the case of Asa Snelling.

Voted, that the Selectmen, be a Committee to view the road and fence, agreeably to the request of Capt. Jonathan Foster and Jonathan Foster Junr. and make report at some future meeting.

Reclamer appointed to view the fence and road as per request of Capt Jonathan Foster.

Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee to attend on a Committee appointed by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to view a way prayed for (in said Boxford) by John Giddings and others.

Selectmen to meet Committee from Court.

Meeting dissolved.

May 11th, 1807. April meeting brought on agreeably to adjournment.

Voted, that the report and bill exhibited by the Committee appointed to take the care of Putnam Perley, be recorded.

Copy of Report.

Your Committee ask leave to report.

We agreed with Ens. Daniel Gould to board Putnam Perley for a dollar and thirty four cents per week: the money that was ordered into our hands, we appropriated as follows, viz. Paid the Selectmen of Fitchburg thirty nine dollars in full for the support of Putnam Perley eighteen weeks. Paid Mr. Stephen Spofford, one dollar for settling with the Selectmen of Fitchburg: To one dollar for a journey to Ipswich to advise with Mr. Andrews, and paid Mr. Asa Andrews two dollars for advice as follows. "The right of action, not having taken place until the 4th of June 1806. Majr Asa Perley having deceased April preceding, and the law not making the estate of Grandparents liable" Mr. Andrews' opinion, was not to commence a suit against the Executor. It appears the Town has lost by neglect all that has been paid for the support of Putnam Perley before April 1806.

Report of Committee impowered to transact all matters respecting Putnam Perley.

All which is submitted by

Stephen Peabody

Phineas Foster.

Boxford April 6th, 1807.

Voted.

Article refered to the Selectmen.

Voted, that the matter, respecting the board of Putnam Perley, while living with Ens.r Daniel Gould, be submitted to the Selectmen.

Voted to excuse Joseph Hale from serving as a field-driver the present year.

Report of Committee on the way leading by the house of Ephraim Foster.

Voted, that Mr. Ephraim Foster, have liberty to work out his highway tax, the present year, on the way traveled, southerly, from his dwelling house to the publick road. Mr. Enoch Thimball came forward in open town meeting and gave consent, that the said Foster might have free liberty of making all necessary repairs on the aforesaid Way, for and during the natural life of the said Thimball.

Bills of charge allowed.

Voted to allow the bill of seven dollars and forty cents exhibited by Samuel Wood for service done as one of the Fish Committee.

Voted to allow the bill of eight dollars and twenty five cents exhibited by Ens.r Enos Runnels for his service as one of the Fish Committee.

Appointment of a sealer of weights and measures.

In compliance with a Law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "An Act for the due regulation of Weights and Measures" We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Boxford, have appointed, and do hereby appoint Mr. Stephen Spofford to be a sealer of Weights and Measures within said Town for the year ensuing.

Witness our hands at Boxford the 29th day of April 1807.

Moses Dorman
John Thimball
Samuel Carleton
Asmon Perley
} Selectmen of Boxford

At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the First parish in Boxford the 4th day of April 1808

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator.

Choice of town officers.

Chose Moses Dorman **Clerk.**

Chose Moses Dorman
Ens. Jonathan Foster Jur.
Stephen Sprofford
Jonas Runnels
Capt. Jacob Gould Jur.
} **Selectmen and Assessors.**

Voted that the Constables be chosen by nomination

Chose Moses Chadwick
Phineas Perley
} **Constables.**

Rate per cent for collecting taxes.

Voted, That the collection of taxes, for the present year, be let out to the lowest bidders, which was struck off as follows, viz.

North district to Moses Chadwick at 4 per cent.
South district to Phineas Perley at 4 per cent.

Voted that the abovenamed Moses Chadwick and Phineas Perley be Collectors of taxes for the ensuing year.

Chose Capt. Uriell Stickney } **Treasurer.**

Voted to appoint the following Town Officers by nomination.

Chose Oliver Peabody
Capt. Joseph Symonds Jur.
Artemas Peabody
John Sawyer } Two districts connected
Joseph L. Peabody
Jesse Perley } District divided
Aaron Perley
} **Surveyors of Highways.**

Frederick Sprofford
Israel Adams
Kimball Cole
Daniel Adams
Isaac Barker
Simeon Pearl.

Chose Capt. Jacob Gould Jur.
John Dorman,
Lieut Ebenezer Peabody,
Lieut. John Kimball.
} **Fence viewers.**

Chose

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Choice of Town Officers.

Chose Rufus Burnam, Lieut. Phineas Cole } Tythingmen

Chose Ens.r Cornelius Gould,
David Kimball,
Stephen Peabody,
Solomon Wood,
Israel Adams,
Joseph Hale,
John Hovey,
Phineas Perley, } Hogreeves.

Chose Simeon Stiles,
Ens.r Cornelius Gould,
John Giddings,
Benjamin Spofford,
Phineas Perley,
Ens.r Enos Runnels,
Micaiah Kimball,
Joseph Carleton. } Field-drivers.

Chose Nathan Andrews,
Samuel Carleton } Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose Gideon Kinby,
Moses Chadwick } Pound-keepers.

Chose Capt. Ivory Hovey,
Daniel Adams,
Israel Fowler,
Amos Kimball Jun.r,
John Sawyer,
Lieut. John Towne Jun.r
Joseph Smith,
Daniel Chapman,
Aaron Perley. } School-Committee.

Chose Samuel Carleton,
Jonas Runnels,
Joseph Wood } Fish-Committee.

Regulations for Fish Committee

Voted that the Fish committee be allowed one dollar per day each, for the time necessarily employed in that service; also, that they be authorized to sell fish at the rate of twenty-five cents per hundred.

Voted to repair and amend the Highways and Town ways by a tax the present year.

voted.

Money raised for repairs of Highways.—

Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the purpose of repairing said Ways.

Allowance per day for labor on the ways.

Voted to allow a man, per day, for labor on the ways one dollar; for a yoke of Oxen seventy five cents; for a Cart, fifty cents, and for a Plough seventy five cents per day, while improved on said Ways.

Money raised for support of Schools.

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the maintenance of Schools the ensuing year, and to appropriate one fourth there of for Woman Schools.

Restriction on Swine

Voted to restrain Swine from going at large the ensuing year.

Cattle and horses restrained.

Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses, and horse kind from going at large within the limits of said town without a keeper, from the first of May next, till the twentieth of November following.

Voted to pass over the eleventh article in the Warrant.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to view the road and fencing, agreeably to the request of Capt. Jonathan Foster and son which report is in the following words

Report of Committee on application of Capt Foster and son.

The Committee appointed to view the Road and fencing, agreeably to the request of Capt Jonathan Foster and Mr. Jonathan Foster Jun. and to take into consideration, all matters relating to that subject, ask leave to report.

That on the 9th of November last, they proceeded on the business of their appointment, and called on Capt. Foster at his dwelling house, who informed the Committee, that his son the applicant with himself was on, or near the premises, and that he should trust the matter with him. The Committee proceeded to the place, and found him as had been suggested, and entered into conversation with him on the subject; and he, the said Foster, informed the Committee that he considered it as a hardship, that they should be subjected to the expence of fencing the road on their lands, without having any compensation for their labor— he further suggestie, that in his opinion, they did not derive an advantage from it, equal to others on the same road, and that by seperating their lands (by fencing the road) were

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in some measure, deprived of water for their cattle.

After taking into consideration, the circumstances connected with the subject, and those consequences which would probably follow, if there should be a compensation allowed as requested (there being many cases in the town, of a similar nature to this) it is presumed, that the town would be thrown into a serious dilemma; that applications would be numerous, and the task of gratifying impossible.

The Committee do not hesitate in saying, that the petitioners have been at very considerable expence in enclosing the premises, and that they have made a competent fence — and hope, that by having their lands thus secured, they will derive an advantage adequate to their expence. —

Boxford April 4th, 1806. Submitted by Moses Dorman, John Kimball, Stephen Spofford, Samuel Carleton, Amos Perley } Committee

Case of Putnam Perley to be reffered.

Voted, that the Selectmen, for the present year, be authorised to settle all matters with Capt. Joseph Symonds, relative to Putnam Perley (while with him) by a reference, in case Capt Symonds will comply with the same.

Bills of charge allowed.

Voted to allow the bill of fourteen dollars, exhibited by Capt. Ameill Stickney, for service as Treasurer two years, viz. 1805 & 1806.

Voted to allow the bill of forty dollars and twelve cents exhibited by Moses Gould Surveyor of Highways, for repairs of Bridges in his ward. —

Vote respecting the Bridge re built by Ens.n Cornelius Gould

Voted, that the present Selectmen, be a Committee to examine the Bridge north of the house of Mr. Simeon Stiles, rebuilt by Ens.n Cornelius Gould, and enquire into the expence thereof, and make report at the May meeting.

Votes for County Treasurer { Hon Stephen Choate Esq.r 120 votes; Robert Farley Esq.r — 17.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the second Monday of May next, to two O'clock afternoon.

At a legal town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford the 4th day of April 1800. for the purpose of giving in their written votes for the choice of a Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators and Counsellors. votes for the following persons were given in, sorted and counted, and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution, viz.

	votes	
Hon. Christopher Gore	127	For Governor.
Excel. James Sullivan	26	

Hon. David Cobb	127	For Lt. Governor.
Hon Levi Lincoln	26	

Hon. Enoch Titcomb Esq.r	129	For Senators and Counsellors.
Hon. John Heard Esq.r	129	
Hon. Nathaniel Thurston Esq.r	127	
Hon. John Phillips Jun.r Esq.r	129	
Hon William Gray Esq.r	129	
Samuel Putnam Esq.r	129	
Hon. William Prescott Esq.r	1	
Doctr Daniel Hilliard	26	
Col. John Hathorne	26	
William Pearson Esq.r	26	
Thomas Kittridge Esq.r	27	
Capt. Moses Little	26	
John Prince Esq.r	26	

Monday 9th day of May 1800 - Meeting brought on agreeably to adjournment

Voted to excuse Israel Foster from serving as one of the School Committee.

Chose Lieut. John Kimball to serve as one of the School Committee in the place of Israel Foster.

Report respecting the bridge near Emery's gate

Voted to accept the report, and allow the bill annexed, as presented by the Committee appointed to examine the Bridge rebuilt over the Fishing-brook, near Emery's Gate, so called, which Report and bill are as follows, viz.

The undersigners, being appointed to examine the Bridge over the Fishing-brook, lately rebuilt, under the superintendancy of Ensn Cornelius Gould, then Surveyor

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Report.

of Highways in that Ward) met together for that purpose on the 22nd of April last, at which time, several of the neighbouring inhabitants met them at said Bridge.

The undersigners entered into an examination of the bridge, and on the information there afforded, together with what they were eye witnesses to, were induced to believe, that the rebuilding said Bridge was attended with very considerable exertions and expence - as the waters of the current had torn away the gravel, undermined the stone work, and part thereof was removed to a considerable distance by the rapidity and force of the current. By examination, it was found, that the stone work, fronting the channel, was built from seven, to ten feet in perpendicular height - upon a careful investigation of the subject, the following is presented, as a statement of the expence, viz.

Bill presented.

To 450 feet of pine plank at $26 per thousand	11.70
56 feet of timber for stringpieces a $5 per ton	7.0 -
31 days of Mans labor at $1. per day	31. -
for teaming said Plank from Andover exclusive of teamster	3. -
for the use of a plough	1. -
for a cart 9¼ days at fifty cents per day	4.62
for ox labor 9¼ days at seventy five cents per day	6.93
Timber for railing	0.75
whole amount	$66.00

Submitted by

Moses Dorman
Jonathan Foster Jun.
Stephen Spofford
Jonas Tunnels
Jacob Gould Jun.

Boxford May 9th, 1808.

Reports Respecting Asa Snelling

Voted, that the reports made by the Committee ~~appointed~~ appointed to defend in the suit of Andover against Boxford in the case of Asa Snelling be accepted, and that the same be put on file.

Bills of charge allowed.

Voted to allow the bill of charge presented by Thomas Perley Esqr. twelve dollars and sixty one cents for time and expence as one of the Committee to defend in the action of Andover against Boxford on account of Asa Snelling.

Voted.

Bills of charge allowed.

Voted to allow the bill of twenty six dollars and fifty eight cents, presented by Moses Chadwick for time and expence as one of the Committee to defend in the suit of Andover against Boxford on account of Cross Snelling.

Voted to allow the bill of five dollars and eight cents, presented by Ens.r Enos Kimmels for time and expence as one of the Committee to defend in the suit of Andover against Boxford on account of Cross Snelling.

Voted to allow the bill of fifteen dollars and ninety cents presented by Capt. Joseph Symmonds Jun.r for time and expence as one of the Committee to defend in the suit of Andover against Boxford on account of Cross Snelling.

Voted to allow the bill of twenty dollars, presented by Moses Dorman for time and expence as one of the Committee to defend in the suit of Andover against Boxford on account of Cross Snelling.

Voted to allow the bill of eleven dollars and six cents, presented by Enoch Foster for two hundred and fourteen feet of plank at four cents per foot - and twenty feet of timber at five dollars per ton - to repair Bridges over the fishing-brook.

Voted to allow the bill of four dollars, presented by Solomon Low for one hundred feet of plank, procured by him, to cover the bridge near the house of Daniel Chapman.

Voted to allow the bill of one dollar and seventy five cents, presented by Joseph Hovey for one day and three quarters labour on the fish-way near Mr. John Pearl's mill.

Appointment of a Sealer of Weights and Measures

In compliance with a law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "An Act for the due regulation of Weights and Measures" We the subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Boxford, have appointed, and do hereby appoint Mr. Stephen Stafford, to be a Sealer of Weights and Measures within said town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

Witness our hands at Boxford the 4th day of May 1800.

Moses Dorman
Jonathan Foster Jun.r
Jonas Kimmels
Jacob Gould Jun.r

At a legal town-meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford the 9th day of May 1800. for the purpose of choosing a Representative to the General Court, appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May instant votes were as follows.

	Votes	
Thomas Perley Esqr.	36	For Representative
Ens. Daniel Gould	1	
Moses Dorman	11	
Ens. Jonathan Foster Jr.	1	

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator for the remaining part of the meeting.

Money raised to defray charges.

Voted to raise six hundred dollars to defray the arrears and arising charges of the town the present year.

Voted that the Report of the Committee, appointed to take the care of the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. be accepted, and be made a matter of Record, and that Isaac Barker be discharged from any trouble and expence, on account of delinquency of payment of interest.

Report.

Report of Committee on Donations

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, leasing and managing the Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. for, and towards the support of a Grammar-school. Ask leave to report, that the sum of the principal as formerly stated being $ 2061. 25. is now held and secured in the same manner as described in the last annual report— and for particular information, reference thereto being had. The annual interest of the abovementioned sum amounting to $123. 67. was duly received on Monday the 10th of April last, excepting that part arising on the Bond from Isaac Barker, which was paid on the 30th of April last — all which interest has been paid over to the Treasurer.

Boxford May 9th, 1800.

Thomas Perley
Stephen Spofford
} Committee

Voted.

Vote respecting Road laid on Land of Jacob Andrews.

Voted to appoint a Committee of five persons, to view the road laid out on land of Jacob Andrews, and to enquire into the expediency of making him a compensation for the same, and make report to the town.

The Selectmen were appointed as a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

Voted to approve of the prayer and petition of Samuel Spofford, and that a Committee consisting of five persons be appointed to assist the said Samuel Spofford, if necessary.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr
Israel Adams
Amos Perley
Stephen Spofford
Nathaniel Perley
} Committee for the above purpose.

Vote on way prayed for by Mary Porter.

Voted, that the Selectmen, be a Committee to view the way prayed for, for a (town road) by the Widow Mary Porter and others, and enquire into the probable expence of the said Way, and of another way lately laid out by the said Selectmen, and that they make report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Liberty for Cornelius Gould to continue gates in case

Voted, that Ens^{n} Cornelius Gould, have liberty to continue and keep up gates three years, on his line, across the town road, leading from Emery's gate, so called, to the post at the river, provided he give bond to the Treasurer, which shall be satisfactory to the Selectmen, within ten days, obliging himself, his heirs and assigns, to fence the road on his land, and to lay it two rods in breadth through his land, without any expence to the town, and cause the same to be laid open, free from incumbrance, at any time not exceeding the term of three years.

Voted, that the Selectmen, be a Committee to petition the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Essex to cause the prosecution against Ens^{n} Cornelius Gould to be dismissed, in case the town be discharged from any expence.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the third Monday of June next, to two O'clock afternoon.

Monday, June 28th, 1802.

Agreeably to adjournment, the town convened and proceeded as follows

Vote respecting road on land of Jacob Andrews.

Voted to suspend, and pass over the 4th article in the Warrant, which was, to see if the town would make Mr. Jacob Andrews a compensation for land taken from him for a private town road, and that the report

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of the Committee appointed to view said Way, be put on file.

Voted to accept, allow and approve of a Town road as reported by the Selectmen— the report as follows.

Road laid out in West parish on application of Nathan Barker and others.

On application of Nathan Barker and others, praying that a Town road from Sunkenbridge, so called, near the place where the old Meetinghouse in the west parish in Boxford formerly stood, to Andover line, near the dwellinghouse of Mr. Samuel Barker proceeded on the 19th of April last, and laid out a town road as follows, viz. Beginning with a stake and stones by the road leading to the Meetinghouse of said West parish, thence running, through the whole, on one continued course, being thirty one degrees and twenty minutes west of south, by the needle fifty eight poles to a stake and stones, hence seven poles to a wall, all on land of Jeremiah Harriman Jur. and Daniel Harriman, hence twenty poles and eleven links on land of John Foster and Jacob Foster to a stake and stones; hence twenty six poles on land of the said Jeremiah and Daniel Harriman to a stake and stones by land of Samuel Barker; hence on land of the said Samuel Barker twenty six poles to a stake and stones by Andover line — said Road to be two rods wide, and to lie on the easterly side of said course

Dated at Boxford this 19th day of April A.D. 1805.

Moses Dorman
Jonathan Foster Jur
Stephen Spofford
Jonas Farnels
Jacob Gould Jur.
} Selectmen of Boxford

Voted, that there be one year allowed for fencing and opening said Road.

Selectmen empowered respecting said Road.

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to superintend, and agree with the proprietors, and any other persons, in such way and manner as they shall judge best for the making so much of the said Road as they may think proper, as well as to settle the matter of damages — availing themselves of all gratuities which have been, or may hereafter be given.

At a legal town-meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford the 25th day of August 1800.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator.

Votes respecting Addressing the President.

Voted to approve and accept of the communication of the town of Boston, to the town of Boxford, requesting that similar measures may be adopted with respect to preferring a petition to the President of the United States, praying for a suspension of the law, laying an embargo on the Ships and Vessels in the ports of said States.

Voted to prefer a petition to the President, praying for a suspension of the operation of the law, laying an Embargo on the Ships and Vessels in the ports of the United States.

Voted, that the Selectmen, with the addition of Thomas Perley Esqr and Deacon Parker Stafford be a Committee for the preceeding purpose.

Voted to approve and accept of the petition, presented by the Committee, and that the Selectmen be requested to transcribe, sign, and forward the same to the President. —

At a legal town-meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford on Monday, the 27th day of November 1800. for the purpose of giving in their written votes for one Representative to the Congress of the United States for the fourth middle district: votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, and record and declaration thereof made as by law, is directed, viz.

	votes	
Edward St. Loe Livermore Esq.	99	Representative
Doctor Thomas Kittredge Esq.	16	to Congress.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator for the remainder of said meeting.

250 dollars raised

Voted to raise two hundred and fifty dollars toward defraying the expence of the Road lately laid out in the West Parish of said Town.

Bills of charge allowed.

Voted to allow the bill of seven dollars and twenty cents. presented by Stephen Stafford for three days attendance at the General Court on the case of Samuel Stafford.

Voted

Voted to allow the bill of seven dollars and twenty cents, presented by Israel Adams, for three days attendance at the General Court on the case of Samuel Spofford. —

1809 At a legal town-meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford the 16th day of Jany 1809.

Chose Ensr Jonathan Foster Jur Moderator.

Voted to approve and accept of the following list of persons, as being qualified by law to serve as Jurors, viz. —

A.

Nathan Andrews
Jacob Andrews
Israel Adams
Daniel Adams
Gardner Ames

B.

Gideon Bixby
Billy Broadstreet
Isaac Barker
Rufus Burnam
Seth Burnam
Benjamin Bixby

C.

Moses Chadwick
Samuel Carleton
Joseph Carleton
Simeon Cole
Richard Carleton
Kimball Cole
Phineas Cole
Francis Curtice
Daniel Chapman
Samuel W. Clements
David Coburn
James Coburn

D.

John Day
Timothy Dorman
John Dorman
Moses Dorman
Timothy Dorman Jur
Perley Dorman

F.

Jonathan Foster Jur
Israel Foster
Asa Foster
Phineas Foster

G.

Daniel Gould
Jacob Gould Jur
John Gould
Moses Gould
Cornelius Gould
John Goldings
Samuel Goodell

H.

Samuel Holyoke
Israel Herrick
Jeremiah Harriman Jr
Daniel Harriman
Joseph Hovey
Ivory Hovey
Francis Hood
Leonard Hovey

K.

Moody Kimball
John Kimball
Samuel Kimball
David Kimball
Artemas Kimball
Micaiah Kimball
Amos Kimball Jur
Joseph Killam
Samuel Killam
Oliver Killam

L.

Jeremiah Low
Solomon Low
Nathaniel Long

P.

Stephen Peabody
Joseph S. Peabody
Oliver Peabody
Samuel Peabody
Amos Perley
Jesse Perley
Artemas W. Perley
Thomas Perley
Aaron Perley
Phineas Perley
Henry Perley
Henry Perley Jur
Jacob Parker
Abraham Perley
Elphalet Perley
Moody Perley
Benjamin Pearl
Simeon Pearl
Ebenezer Peabody
Abraham Peabody
Artemas Peabody
Simeon Putnam
Jonathan Porter.

R.

James Russell
Jonas Runnels
Enos Runnels
Stephen Runnels

S.

Samuel Spofford
Stephen Spofford
Parker Spofford
Frederick Spofford
Thomas Spofford
Joseph Smith
Joseph Symonds
Joseph Symonds Jur
Simeon Stiles
Asa Stiles
Benjamin Spofford
Ancill Stickney
John Sawyer

T.

John Tyler
Broadstreet Tyler
John Tyler Jur
John Towne Jur

W.

Samuel Wood
Joseph Wood.

The following are the Lists of Jurors, as selected and agreed on by the qualified voters of the town of Boxford, in conformity to an Act of the General Court, passed the 22d day of March, 1800.

General and Traverse Jurors.

Jacob Andrews
Israel Adams

Isaac Barker
Moses Chadwick
Samuel Carleton
Daniel Chapman
Timothy Dorman
John Dorman
Moses Dorman

Jonathan Foster Jun.
Israel Foster

Daniel Gould
Jacob Gould Jun.

Israel Herrick
Ivory Hovey

John Kimball
Stephen Peabody
Amos Perley
Aaron Perley
Phineas Perley
Ebenezer Peabody

Jonas Runnels

Samuel Spofford
Stephen Spofford
Parker Spofford
Joseph Symonds Jun.
Benjamin Spofford
Ameill Stickney

Samuel Wood

Petit Jurors

Daniel Adams
Gardner Ames

Billy Broadstreet
Seth Burnam

Simeon Cole
Kimball Cole
Francis Curtis
Samuel W. Clements

John Day
Timothy Dorman Jun.

Asa Foster
Phineas Foster

John Gould
Moses Gould
Cornelius Gould
Jeremiah Harriman Jun.
Moody Kimball
Samuel Kimball
Artemas Kimball
Amos Kimball Jun.
Joseph Kilham
Samuel Kilham

Jeremiah Low
Solomon Low

Joseph S. Peabody
Artemas Peabody
Artemas W. Perley
Jesse Perley
Abraham Perley
Eliphalet Perley
Simeon Peart

James Russell
Stephen Runnels

Thomas Spofford
Frederick Spofford
Joseph Smith
John Sawyer

John Tyler Jun.
John Towne Jun.

Vote respecting the case pending in account of Putnam Perley.

Voted, that the Overseers of this town, make application to the Overseers of the town of Fitchburg to remove Putnam Perley, and answer the demands of the inhabitants of Boxford, and take some measures for his support; otherwise, that the Overseers of Boxford be directed to prosecute.

Respecting the case of Putnam Perley with Capt Symonds, Select men authorized.

Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized and empowered to settle all matters with Capt. Joseph Symonds, respecting the support of Putnam Perley for the time which he agreed to provide for him, in case Capt. Symonds will, in the judgement of the Selectmen, settle on reasonable terms.

At a legal town-meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford the 13th of February 1809.

Chose Deacon Parker Shofford Moderator. —

Votes relating to a Memorial &c to the Legislature of Massachusetts

Voted to appoint a Committee to prepare a Memorial, and send it on to the Legislature of Massachusetts.

Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee for the aforenamed purpose.

Voted to adjourn the meeting forten minutes.

Meeting resumed.

The Selectmen, as a Committee, presented a Memorial which was approved and accepted of by the town.

Voted to approve and accept of some resolves, presented, and that they accompany the Memorial to the said Legislature

Bill of charge passed over.

Voted to pass over the third article in the Warrant respecting a bill of charge presented by Doctor Moses D. Shofford.

1809. At a Legal town meeting held in the Meetinghouse of the West parish in Boxford the 3d day of April 1809.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator.

Chose Moses Dorman Clerk.

Chose Moses Dorman
Lt. Jonathan Foster
Deacon Parker Spofford
Daniel Adams
Daniel Chapman
} Selectmen and Assessors.

Voted to let out the collection of taxes, for the present year, to the lowest bidders, which were struck off as follows, viz:

South district to Stephen Peabody at three per cent.

North district to Phineas Perley at three per cent.

Percentage allowed to Collectors

Chose Stephen Peabody
Phineas Perley.
} Collectors of Taxes

Voted to choose Constables by nomination.

Chose Phineas Perley,
Moses Chadwick
} Constables.

Chose Capt. Ancill Stickney } Treasurer.

Voted to appoint the following officers by nomination.

Chose Oliver Killam,
Moses Gould,
Moses Dorman,
Ens. Cornelius Gould,
Ens. Daniel Gould,
Deacon Benjamin Kirby,
Thomas Perley Esq.
Seth Burnam,
Israel Adams,
Capt. John Kimball,
Lieut. Samuel Kimball,
Jeremiah Harriman Jr.
Abraham Peabody.
} Surveyors of Highways.

Chose Capt. Ancill Stickney,
Israel Herrick,
Isaac Barker,
Amos Kimball
} Fence-viewers.

Chose Oliver Peabody
Lieut. Phineas Cole
} Tythingmen.

Chose

1809.

Chose Ens.n Cornelius Gould,
David Kimball,
Samuel Killam,
Phineas Perley,
Aaron Perley,
Samuel Carleton,
John Tyler,
Jeremiah Harriman } Hogreeves

Chose Ens.n Daniel Gould,
Abraham Perley,
Oliver Peabody,
Joseph Hale,
Ens.n Cornelius Gould,
Ens.n John Tyler jun.r
Capt. Simeon Cole,
Moses Chadwick. } Field drivers.

Chose Solomon Low
Capt. Joseph Symmes jun.r
Samuel Carleton } Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Gideon Bixby,
Moses Chadwick } Pound keepers.

Chose Isaac Barker,
John Day,
Capt. John Kimball,
William Tyler,
Dea.n Moses Peabody,
Asa Foster,
Ens.n Timothy Dorman jr
Capt. Ansell Nickney,
Amos Perley. } School Committee.

Chose Samuel Carleton,
Joseph Wood,
Jonas Runnels } Fish Committee.

Voted, that the Fish-committee be allowed one dollar per day, each, for the time necessarily employed in that service; also, that they be authorized to sell fish at twenty five cents per hundred.

Voted to repair and amend the Highways and town roads by a tax the present year.

Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the repairs of said Ways.

Voted to allow a man, for laboring on the Highways one dollar — for a yoke of oxen seventy five cents —

for

for a Cart fifty cents, and for a plough fifty five cents per day while employed on said Ways.

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the maintenance of Schools the ensuing year, and that one fourth of said sum be appropriated for the support of women Schools.

Voted to restrain swine from going at large the ensuing year.

Voted that neat cattle, horses and horse kind, be restrained as they were the last year.

It was put to vote, to see if the town would set off John Sawyer and Ens.r Cornelius Gould, with their families, from the second School district, and annex them to the first school district; and it passed in the negative.

Voted to refer all matters relating to the bill of Doctor Moses D. Sprafford, to the Selectmen, and that they make enquiry, and report at the May meeting.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of six dollars and thirty eight cents, presented by John Sawyer for 35 feet of timber to repair the bridge below Foster's Mills and for two days labour hired on said bridge.

Votes for County Treasurer.

Hon. Stephen Choate Esq.r	131	Votes.
Robert Fearley Esq.r	14	

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the second Monday of May next, to two O'clock afternoon at this place.

1809

At a Legal Town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the West parish in Boxford on Monday, the 3d day of April 1809. for the purpose of giving in their written votes for a Governor, Lt. Governor and Senators. The following votes were given in, sorted and counted, and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution viz.

	Votes	
Hon. Christopher Gore	132	For Governor.
Hon. Levi Lincoln	23	

Hon. David Cobb Esqr	132	For Lt Governor.
Hon. Joseph B. Varnum	23	

Hon. Enoch Titcomb Esq	132	For Senators and Counsellors.
Hon. John Heard Esqr	132	
Hon John Phillips Jr Esq	132	
Hon. Nathaniel Thurston Esq	121	
Hon. Samuel Putnam Esq	132	
Hon. Israel Thorndike Esqr	132	
Hon. Daniel Kilham	23	
Col. John Heathorn	22	
Thomas Kittredge Esqr	23	
William Pearson Esqr	23	
Moses Little Esqr	23	
John Prince Esqr	23	

Monday 8th day of May 1809. Meeting brought on agreeably to adjournment

Voted to excuse Amos Perley from serving on the School Committee

Chose Benjamin Shosford to serve in his place.

Voted to excuse Capt. John Kimball from serving on the School Committee

Chose Joseph Carleton, in the place of Capt. Kimball.

Voted to excuse Seth Burnam from serving as a Surveyor of Highways

Chose Ebenezer Perley in his place.

Voted to appoint a Fish Committee on the River Parker, the Falls River, and streams running in the same, conformable to a late Act of the General Court.

Chose Thomas Perley Esq, Stephen Shosford, Israel Adams — Committee for the above purpose.

1809. At a legal town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the West parish in Boxford, on Monday the 8th day of May 1809. for the purpose of chooseing a Representative to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened and held in Boston on the last Wednesday of May current – the votes were as follows.

Thomas Perley Esqr. had 56 votes.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator for the remain part of the meeting.

Voted to raise nine hundred dollars to defray the charges of the town the current year.

Voted to allow and accept the report of the Committee appointed and empowered, to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, leasing and managing the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. and that the same be recorded.

Report of Committee on Donation

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, leasing and managing the Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. for, and towards the support of a Grammar School – ask leave to Report: that the sum of the principal, as formerly stated, being two thousand sixty one dollars and twenty five cents is now held and secured, in the same manner as described by a report of the 11th of May 1807. reference thereunto being had. The annual interest of the above mentioned sum, amounting to one hundred twenty three dollars and sixty seven cents, was duly received on the 17th day of April last, and paid over to the Treasurer

Boxford May 8th, 1809 — Thomas Perley, John Robinson, Stephen Spofford } Committee

Report of Committee in the case of Putnam Perley while with Capt Symonds.

The Committee appointed and empowered, discressionary, to settle matters, on the part of the town, with Capt. Joseph Symonds, so far as they relate to the support of Putnam Perley, for the term which he the said Symonds agreed, to support him – ask leave to report. That

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That they agreed on a time and place to meet for the above purpose, and informed Capt. Symonds of the proposed meeting, and requested him to attend, and bring forward such documents as he should be able to produce, to throw light on the subject; he, accordingly came forward; but unfortunately (as he saith) forgot to take his papers with him, and was not able to give any correct statement of the subject in controversy— he informed the Committee, that he was willing to adjust the matter amicably; but apparently assumed the exclusive right of acting as sole judge in the case which, in the opinion of the Committee, excluded them of the power of settling agreeably to the directions of the town— which is humbly submitted by

Moses Dorman
Jonathan Foster Jun.
Stephen Spofford.

Boxford May 8th, 1809.

Voted, that the subject respecting the support of Putnam Perley, while with Capt. Joseph Symonds, be submitted to the Selectmen to settle in any way and manner.

Report

The Committee appointed, to enquire into the expediency of answering the bill of charge presented to the town by Doctor Moses D. Spofford for medical attendance on John Dresser and family— ask leave to Report. That they have attended the business assigned them— that Mrs Dresser states, that she is unable to answer said Bill, or any part of it— that there are other debts brought against the estate, which she thinks, she should be able to settle; but, if obliged to settle the Doctors bill, in addition to the others, it will really distress, both her and her family.

which is humbly submitted by

Moses Dorman
Jonathan Foster Jr.
Parker Spofford
Daniel Adams
Daniel Chapman

Com.

Boxford May 8th, 1809

1809.

Voted to refer the subject of the bill presented by Doctor Moses D. Spofford to the Selectmen.

Bills of charge

Voted to allow the bill of charge of ten dollars presented by Stephen Spofford, one of the Committee appointed to take the care of the interest left to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. for ten years at one dollar per year.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of ten dollars presented by John Robinson Esqr. for ten years service as one of the Committee appointed to manage the interest left to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr.

In compliance with an Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "An act for the due regulation of Weights and Measures" We the subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Boxford, have appointed, and do hereby appoint Mr. Stephen Spofford to be a Sealer of Weights and Measures within said Town for the year ensuing.

Witness our hands at Boxford the 8th day of May 1809.

Moses Dorman
Jonathan Foster jr.
Parker Spofford
Daniel Adams
Daniel Chapman
} Select-men of Boxford.

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1810

At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meeting house of first parish in Boxford the 2nd day of April 1810.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator.

Chose Moses Dorman Clerk

Chose Moses Dorman
Jonathan Foster Jr. Esq
Deacon Parker Shofford
Daniel Adams
Daniel Chapman
} Selectmen and Assessors.

Voted to let out the collection of taxes for the present year to the lowest bidders which was struck off as follows, viz.

South district to Capt. Joseph Symonds at 3 per cent.

North district to Phineas Perley at 3 per cent.

Voted, that Capt. Joseph Symonds
Phineas Perley
} Collectors of Taxes.

Chose Capt. Joseph Symonds
Aaron Kimball Jr
} Constables.

Chose Capt. Ancill Stickney } Treasurer.

Voted to excuse Capt. Joseph Symonds from serving as a Collector of taxes.

Chose Stephen Peabody Esqr Collector in his place.

Voted to appoint the following officers by nomination.

Chose Doct. George W. Sawyer
Jacob Andrews
Nathan Andrews
Ensn. Cornelius Gould
Deacn. Moses Peabody
Stephen Peabody Esqr.
Henry Perley
Artemus W. Perley
Deacon Parker Shofford
Thomas Shofford
Moody Kimball
Capt. Simeon Cole
Francis Swan
Deacon Broadstreet Tyler
} Surveyors of Highways.

Chose Asa Foster
Isaac Barker
Stephen Peabody Esq.
Aaron Perley
} Fence-viewers.

Chose Seth Burnam } Tythingmen
Ens^n. Enos Runnels }

Chose En. Cornelius Gould,
Phineas Perley,
Aaron Perley,
Warren Peabody,
Seth Burnam,
John Tyler
Benajah Burns,
Samuel Heath,
Capt. Jacob Gould,
Kimball Cole. } Hogreaves.

Chose En. Cornelius Gould,
Oliver Killam,
Phineas Perley,
Aaron Perley,
Capt. Jacob Gould,
Israel Foster,
John Kimball Jn^r.
Micaiah Kimball. } Field-drivers.

Chose Capt. Joseph Symonds Jn^r.
Solomon Low,
Samuel Carleton. } Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose Gideon Bixby,
Moses Chadwick } Pound-keepers.

Chose Capt. Ivory Hovey,
Jonas Runnels,
Capt. John Kimball,
Jonathan Foster Jr. Esqr.
Capt. Asa Towne,
John Sawyer,
Capt. Jacob Gould,
Stephen Spofford,
Phineas Perley, } School Committee.

Chose Samuel Carleton,
John Kimball Jn^r.
Joseph Wood } Fish Committee.

Voted, that the Fish Committee be allowed one dollar per day, each, for every day necessarily employed in that service; also, that they be authorized to sell fish at twenty five cents per hundred.

Chose.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. } Fish Committee on the river
Israel Adams, } Parker &c.
Stephen Spofford }

Repairs of Highways

Voted, that the Highways and Town ways, within the limits of Boxford, be amended and repaired by a tax the present year.

Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the repairs of said Ways, and that the same be assessed and paid in the same manner as it was done the last year.

Voted to allow a man one dollar per day - for a yoke of oxen seventy five cents; for a cart fifty cents and for a plough one dollar per day, for every day necessarily employed on said Ways.

Support of Schools.

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the support of Schools, and that one fourth part thereof be appropriated to the support of women Schools.

Voted to restrain swine from going at large.

Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses, and horse kind from going at large from the first of May next, to the twentieth of November following.

Voted to pass over the ninth article in the Warrant, which respects a road over land of Gideon Bixby, to the Meetinghouse.

Voted, that the present Selectmen be a Committee to view, and enquire into the expediency of paying for the Road laid out from Peabody's Gate (so called) by Symonds' Mills to Topsfield line, as prayed for by Jacob Andrews and others - and make report to the town.

Votes for County Treasurer were as follows,

Hon: Stephen Choate Esqr. 124 votes
Jabez Farley —— 25

Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the first Monday of May next, to two O'clock afternoon at this place.

At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the First parish in Boxford on the second day of April 1810. being the first Monday of said Month, for the purpose of receiving in their written votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators the following votes were given in, sorted and counted, and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution, viz.

	votes	
Excellency Christopher Gore	127	For Governor.
Hon. Elbridge Gerry	30	
Hon. David Cobb	127	For Lt. Governor.
Hon. William Gray	29	
Hon. John Ward	127	For Senators and Counsellors.
Hon. Israel Thorndike	127	
Israel Bartlett	126	
Dudley L. Pickman	127	
Daniel A. White	126	
Lemuel Nash	127	
Thomas Perley	1	
Thomas Kittridge	20	
Hon. Daniel Kilham	20	
William Parsons	20	
Capt. Moses Little	20	
Capt. Joseph Barker	20	
Capt. Benjamin Crowningshield	20	

May 7th, 1810.

Agreeably to adjournment, the Town convened and proceeded as follows.

Voted unanimously, that we consider that a removal of the Supreme Judicial Court, from Ipswich to Newbury Port will much increase the expence of the County - and for many other reasons, we wish to be considered as opposed to the prayers of the petitions before the Legislature for that purpose.

Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee to view, and make enquiry into the expediency of laying out, opening and fencing a town road from Emery's Gate (so called) over Sound of Gideon Bixby to the Meetinghouse - and report to the town at the next Town meeting.

Voted.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized and empowered to take any measures, which to them may appear advisable, relating to the money of the Farmers exchange Bank now in the hands of the Treasurer.

Voted to excuse Jonas Burnett from serving as one of the School Committee - Chose John Day to serve in his place.

Bills of charge allowed

Voted to allow the bill presented by En. Cornelius Gould of one dollar, for the use of a plough which he hired on the ward of which he was Surveyor of ways.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of fourteen dollars presented by Capt. Oneill Stickney for his services as Treasurer the years 1809 and 1809.

In compliance with an Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "an Act for the due regulation of Weights and Measures" we the subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Boxford, have appointed, and do hereby appoint Mr. Stephen Spofford to be a sealer of Weights and Measures within said Town for the year ensuing.

Witness our hands at Boxford this 24th day of April 1810.

Moses Dorman
Jonathan Foster jun.
Parker Spofford
Daniel Adams
Daniel Chapman
} Selectmen of Boxford.

At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Dorford on Monday the 7th day May 1810. for the purpose of choosing a Representative, to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened and held in Boston on the last Wednesday of this May instant. The votes were as follows.

	Votes	
Thomas Perley Esqr.	51	For Representative.
Timothy Dorman	10	
Moses Dorman	4	

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator for the remaining part of the meeting.

Voted to raise six hundred dollars to defray the charges of the town the current year.

Voted to allow and accept the Report of the Committee appointed to take the charge of the interest left to the town by the Hon Aaron Wood Esqr. and that the same be recorded.

Report.

Report of Comtte on Donation

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, leasing and manmageing the Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. for, and towards the support of a Grammer-School, ask leave to report that the sum of the principal, as formerly stated, being $2061.25. is now held and secured in the same manner as described by a report of the 11th of May 1807. reference thereunto being had (excepting the bond from Jeremiah Low for the sum of $623.50. which sum is now secured by a Bond wherein Solomon Low is principal, with Enoch Kimball and Moody Kimball as sureties) The annual interest, on the whole amount, being $123.67. was duly received on the 17th of April last, and on the same day paid over to the Town Treasurer.

Dorford May 7th, 1810. Thomas Perley, Stephen Spofford } Committee

Chose Israel Adams as one of the Committee, to manage and improve the Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. in the place of John Robinson Esqr. deceased.

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At a legal Town-meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford on Monday the 5th day of November 1810. for the purpose of giving in their written votes for one Representative to the Congress of the United States, for the Fourth middle district— votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution viz.

For Jeremiah Cleaveland Esqr. — 61 votes } Representative
Leonard White Esqr. — 8 } to
Thomas Bitteridge Esqr. — 17 } Congress.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator for the remainder of the meeting.

Vote respecting road from Peabody's gate to Topsfield line

It was put, to see if the Town would vote to make some compensation to Capt Joseph Symonds Jun.r Messrs Jacob Andrews, Oliver Peabody and Moses Gould, for the road, and fencing on their lands, from Peabody's gate, to Topsfield line, and it passed in the negative.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of paying for the road and fencing, from Peabody's Gate, on lands of Capt Joseph Symonds, Oliver Peabody and Jacob Andrews, to Topsfield line. Report—

The Committee appointed to view and enquire into the expediency of paying for the road leading from Peabody's gate, by Symonds' Mills, so on to Topsfield line, ask leave to report— That they have attended to the business assigned them, and find said Road to be laid out by the Selectmen on the 26th of February 1709. The whole distance, from Peabody's gate to Topsfield line appears to be about 270 rods— said Road was laid out, giving the proprietors of the same, liberty of keeping up good gates: the time, since the laying out of said Road, appears to be about 21 years last February— your Committee therefore are of the opinion, that the petitioners have no legal demand on said Town for any compensation for land, or fencing said Road.

Which is submitted by
Boxford November 5th 1810.

Parker Stafford
Daniel Adams
Daniel Chapman

Voted to abate the taxes of Nathaniel Herrick on the lists of taxes committed to Collectors Benjamin Sprofford, Phineas Perley and Stephen Peabody to collect, which remain undischarged.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the first Monday of April next, to one O'clock afternoon.

At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford the 13th day of December 1810.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator.

Voted that the Town school be taken from the Schoolhouse in the third school district, from and after the first day of April next ensuing.

Vote relating to Asa Hardy

Voted, that the Selectmen, for the time being, be authorized and fully empowered to settle all matters, relating to Asa Hardy and family, so far as they are connected with this Town, on the following conditions, viz.

That if the said Asa Hardy shall, at any time, in the course of his natural life, or his heirs, executors or administrators, within one year after his decease, produce and offer to the said Town of Boxford a sufficient sum of good and current money, to discharge the expence which the Town have been at in redeeming the Real estate which the said Asa lives on, together with lawful interest for the same — that at such time, the Selectmen (as aforesaid) shall and will relinquish and acquit, by a quit claim, all the right, title and interest of the town, in and to the premises aforesaid — provided the family will produce good, and satisfactory security to free and discharge the said town of Boxford from any and all expence which may arise for their future support and maintenance.

Voted to submit the matter respecting the claim of Doctor Thomas Kittridge against Jonathan Burnell to the Selectmen, discretionary.

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At a legal Town-meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the Second parrish in Boxford, the 1st day of April 1811.

Chose Deacon Parker Stafford Moderator.

Chose Moses Dorman Clerk.

Chose Moses Dorman,
Samuel Stafford,
Stephen Stafford,
Ens.r Samuel Kimball,
Lieut. Abraham Perley,
} Selectmen and Assessors.

Voted to let out the collection of taxes, the present year, to the lowest bidders.

The collection of the South district was struck off to Ens.r Cornelius Gould at 3 3/4 per cent

The collection of the North district was struck off to Phineas Perley at 3 per cent

Collector for South district. Chose Ens.r Cornelius Gould Collector for the South district.

It was put to vote, to see if the town would accept Phineas Perley to collect the tax in the North district and it passed in the negative.

Voted to set up the collection for the North district again.

The collection of the North district was struck off to Moses Chadwick, at 3 1/4 per cent.

Collector for North district. Chose Moses Chadwick, Collector the North district

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Chose Timothy Dorman
Amos Kimball Jur
} Constables.

Chose Capt. Asaell Stickney } Treasurer.

Voted to appoint the following Officers by nomination

Chose Capt. Jacob Gould,
Capt. Joseph Symonds Jur
Phineas Foster,
Asa Foster,
Nathaniel Long,
Israel Herrick,
Capt. Solomon Low,
Phineas Perley,
Stephen Stafford,
Richard Carleton,
John Taylor
Joseph Hovey
Gardner Ames
John Day
} Surveyors of Highways.

Chose

Chose Capt. Jacob Gould,
Stephen Peabody Esq.
Jonathan Foster Esq.
Isaac Parker
} Fence viewers.

Chose Simeon Stiles,
Thomas Stafford
} Pathmasters.

Chose Capt. Joseph Symonds Jr.
Ens.r Cornelius Gould,
Jonas Reynolds,
Capt. John Kimball,
Ebenezer Foster.
} Hogreeves.

Chose Capt. Joseph Symonds Jur.
John Gould,
Daniel Bodwell,
Samuel Stafford,
Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody.
} Field-drivers.

Chose Capt. Joseph Symonds Jur.
Samuel Carleton,
Asa Foster
} Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Gideon Bixby,
Moses Chadwick
} Pound-keepers.

Chose Deacon Broadstreet Tyler,
Capt. Simeon Cole,
Amos Kimball Jr.
Kimball Cole,
Artemas Kimball,
Charles Peabody,
Moses Dorrance,
Daniel Chapman,
Asterius W. Perley.
} School Committee.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 15th. inst. at 2 o'Clock afternoon, at this place.

1811.

At a legal Town-meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the Second parish in Boxford on the first day of April 1811. being the first Monday of said Month, for the purpose of giving in their written votes for a Governor, Lieut. Governor and Senators. The following votes were given in, sorted and counted, and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution, viz.

	No. of votes	
Hon. Christopher Gore	124	For Governor.
Excellency Elbridge Gerry	27	
Capt. Ivory Hovey	1	

Hon. William Phillips	125	For Lt.
Hon William Gray	27	Governor.

Hon. John Heard,	125	For
Hon. Daniel A. White,	125	
Hon Israel Bartlett,	125	Senators
Mr. Thomas Stephens, Beverly	125	
Nehemiah Cleaveland Esq.	125	and
Mr. Benjamin Pierce, Salem	125	
Hon. Joseph Story,	27	
Thomas Kittridge Esq.	27	
Capt. Moses Little,	27	Counsellors
Benjamin W. Crowninshield, Esq.	27	
Capt. Joseph Barker,	27	
John Saunders Esq.	27	

At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the Second parish in Boxford on the first day of April 1811.

Chose Deacon Parker Spofford Moderator.

Votes for a Treasurer and for a Register of Deeds &c. for the County of Essex were as follows,

	Votes	
Hon. Stephen Choate,	117	For Treasurer.
Jesse Fearley,	101	

Simon Choate Esq.	119	For Register.

Monday April 15, 1811.

Agreeably to adjournment, the town convened and proceeded as follows

Voted, that the 3d article in the Warrant, for the November meeting last past, be inserted in the Warrant for the meeting of this day next.

Voted to excuse Lt. Ebenezer Peabody from serving as a Field driver the present year.

Chose John Kimball Jun.r to serve as a Field driver.

Voted to excuse Timothy Dorrance from serving as a Constable the present year.

Chose Phineas Perley, Constable, in the place of Timothy Dorrance.

Chose John Kimball Jun.r, Samuel Carleton, Joseph Wood } Fish committee.

Voted that the Fish committee be allowed one dollar per day, each, for every day necessarily employed in that service; also, that they be authorized to sell fish at the rate of twenty five cents per hundred.

Chosen by ballot

Chose Stephen Shofford, Israel Adams 2d, Deacon Parker Shofford, } Fish committee on the River Parker, the Falls river, and the streams running into the same.

Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons to superintend the execution of the Law respecting.

Chose Esq. Cornelius Gould, Stephen Peabody Esq. Israel Adams } Committee for the above purpose.

Repairing of Highways

Voted that the Highways and Town ways be amended by or for the present year.

Voted to raise a thousand dollars for the repair of Highways.

Voted that the same be assessed and paid, in the same manner as was done the last year.

Voted to allow a man, one dollar per day; for a yoke of oxen seventy five cents; for a cart fifty cents, and for a plough one dollar per day, while employed on the ways.

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the maintenance of schools the present year, and that one fourth part thereof be appropriated for the support of women schools.

Voted to restrain swine from going at large.

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Voted that neat cattle, horses and horse kind be restrained from going at large from the fifteenth of April, to the fifteenth of November following.

Voted to appoint a Committee to make enquiry, and to devise a more eligible method of providing for the support of the poor, and that such Committee consist of five persons.

Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee for the above purpose.

Voted to add four persons to the above Committee. Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Stephen Peabody Esqr. Israel Adams and Capt. Asa Sawin in addition to the above named Committee - and that said Committee make report to the town.

Voted, that the school, belonging to the Third school district be replaced in the school-house in said District until another, and more convenient house shall be provided for that purpose.

Voted to pass over the 11th article in the Warrant, respecting a way prayed for by John Kimball and others

At a legal Town-meeting, held in the Meeting-house of the Second parish in Boxford on the 13th day of May 1811. for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened and held in Boston on the last Wednesday of May current. The votes given in, being sorted and counted were as follows Viz.

Deacon Parker Spofford	74	For Representative
Jonathan Fowler Jr Esq.	1	
Moses Dorman	17	

Chose Deacon Parker Spofford Moderator.

Voted to raise seven hundred and fifty dollars to defray the charges of the town the current year.

Voted to approve and accept the Report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, leasing and

man-

managing the Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq.r and that the same be recorded.

Report.

Report of the Committee on Donation.

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, leasing and managing the Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq.r towards the support of a Grammer school, ask leave to Report — that, on the 17th of April last, they received of the various persons from whom the same were due, the annual interest on Bonds, amounting to $123.63. and the same day, placed the same were in the hands of the Treasurer, to be applied to the purposes of said Devise. The principal Securities secured in the same manner as at the last annual report, reference thereunto being had — all which is submitted by

Thomas Perley
Stephen Stafford
Israel Adams
} Committee

Boxford May 13th, 1811.

Vote relating to a way prayed for over land of Gideon Bixby

Voted to appoint a Committee to consult with Mr Gideon Bixby, and to examine and ascertain ~~the~~ the probable expence of opening and fencing a town road, from the road near Emery's gate (so called) over land of said Bixby to the Meetinghouse.

Voted that the present Selectmen, or the major part of them be a Committee for the above purpose, and that they make report at the next town-meeting

Bill of charge

Voted to allow the bill of two dollars and fifty cents presented by Deacon Moses Peabody for a string piece to repair the bridge near the house of Mr. John Foster

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At a legal Town meeting held in the Meeting house of the first Parish in Boxford April 6th 1812

Chose. Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator
Chose Amos Kimball jr Clerk

Chose Stephen Spofford
Capt. John Kimball
Simeon Pearl
Deac. Parker Spofford
Capt. Joseph Symonds jr
} Selectmen and Assessors

Voted to let out the Collection of Taxes, the present year to the lowest bidder.

Collector of Taxes

The collection of the South District was struck off to Benjamin Spofford at $4\frac{3}{4}$ per Cent. –
The collection of the North district was struck off to Benjamin Spofford at $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. –
Chose Benjamin Spofford Collector for both districts

Chose Phineas Perley
Amos Kimball jr
} Constables

Chose Capt. Ancill Stickney } Treasurer

Voted to pass over choosing the remaining part of the Town officers and act on the third article in the warrant which relates to a road. –

Voted to appoint a Committee to attend to the subject of the Petition of Nehemiah Cleveland and others for widening straitning and amending the road from Topsfield Meeting house to the Meeting House in the first Parish in Boxford and to enquire into the proposed alteration to confer with the proprietors of the adjoining land, to obtain a thorough ~~of the~~ knowledge of the circumstances attending the same, to make a probable estimate of the cost, and to oppose the same at Court or otherwis as they may think proper.

Voted that the Committee for the above purpose shall consist of three persons.

Voted that. Stephen Peabody Esqr.
Thomas Perley Esqr.
Capt. Jacob Gould. – shall be the committee

Voted to pass over the seven following articles and act on the eleventh which is to give in there votes for County Treasurer. votes were as follows. Hon. Bailey Bartlet 135 } County
Jabez Farlee – 13 } Treasurer

Voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday next the 13 Inst at one Oclock afternoon –

1812

At a Legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting house of the first Parish in Boxford on the sixth day of April 1812 being the first Monday of said month, for the purpose of giving in their written votes for Governor Lieut. Governor and Senators. The following votes were given in in order, counted, and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution (viz.)

	No. of votes	
Caleb Strong Esqr.	146	For Governor
Excellency Elbridge Gerry	21	
Stephen Peabody Esqr.	1	
Hon. William Phillips	146	For Lt. Governor
Hon. William King	21	
Samuel Dillam	1	
Hon. Daniel A. White	146	For Senators and Counsellors
Hon. Thomas Stephens	146	
Capt. Moses Little	21	
Col. William Pearce	21	
Mr. Abraham Tyler	1	
Mr. David Boutwell	1	

Monday April 13th Agreeably to adjournment the Town convened and proceeded as follows (viz).

Chose Oliver Peabody, Moses Gould, Samuel Peabody, Asa Stiles, Charles Peabody, Stephen Peabody Esqr., Francis Hood, Benjamin Stafford, Joseph Dillam, Leonard Carlton, Amos Kimball, Moses Porter, Benjamin Carlton, Isaac Flovey — Surveyors of Highways

Chose. John Sawyer, Deac. Parker Stafford, Capt. John Tyler, Joseph Flovey — Fence viewers

Chose Capt. Jacob Gould, Deac. Boreadstreet Tyler — Sythingmen

Chose

Chose Capt. Jacob Gould
Ens. Cornelius Gould
Simeon Stiles
Moses Gould
Asa Foster
Abraham Tyler
Doct. Josiah Bacon
John Day
James Coburn
John Merrill
} Hogreeves

Chose Capt. Jacob Gould
Francis Curtis
Capt. Joseph Symonds 2d.
Nathaniel Long
Ens. Cornelius Gould
William Coburn
Francis Swan
Abraham Peabody
Samuel W. Stevinent
Samuel Spofford
} Field drivers

Chose Capt. Solomon Low
Capt. Joseph Symonds 2d.
Mr. Samuel Carlton
} Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Samuel Peabody
Moses Chadwick
} Pound Keepers

Chose. Capt. Jacob Gould
Capt. Asa Towne
Ens. Cornelius Gould
Amos Kimball 3d
Ens. Kimball Cole
Daniel Adams
Jonas Prunnets
Lt. Abraham Perley
Capt. Solomon Low
} School Committee

Chose
John Kimball 3d
Joseph Wood
Samuel Carlton
} Fish Committee

Voted that the Fish committee be allowed one dollor each per day when employed in that service and that they sell fish at the rate of twenty five cents per Hundred.

Chose

Chosen by Ballot — Chose Stephen Spofford, Deac. Parker Spofford, Capt. Moses Carlton } Fish committee on the River Parker, the falls river and the streames running into the same

Chose Israel Adams, Jonathan Foster Esqr., Amos Perley } Committee to superintend the inoculation of the inhabitants of the Town with the Cow Pox

Voted that the Highways and Town ways be amended by a Tax the present year.

Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the repair of Highways the present year.

Voted that the same be assessed and paid in the same manner as was done the last year

Voted to allow a man, one dollar per day; a yoke of Oxen seventy five cents; a cart fifty cents; a plough one dollar per day while improved on the road or ways.

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the maintenance of schools the present year; and that one fourth part thereof be appropriated for the support of Womens schools.

Voted to restrain swine from going at large.

Voted that neat cattle, horses and horse kind be restrained from going at large from the fifteenth of April to the fifteenth of November following.

Voted that it appears from good evidence that Ens. Cornelius Gould has performed the conditions of his bond relative to fencing the road by his house and that the Selectmen are authorised to deliver him his bond.

Voted to pass over the 12th article in the warrant respecting the report of the Committee appointed to devise a more eligible method for the maintenance of the Poor in the Town.

Chose Abraham Perley, Aaron Perley, Billy Bradstreet } Committee to consult further with Gideon Bixby respecting the road prayed for through his land to ascertain the probable amount of the cost and to report as soon as may be.

Voted to accept of the following list of persons as being qualified by Law to serve as Jurors (145) –

Nathan Andrews
Israel Adams
Daniel Adams

Gideon Bixby
Isaac Barker
Rufus Burnam
Seth Burnam
Daniel Bodwell
Benajah Burns

Moses Chadwick
Samuel Carlton
Joseph Carlton
Simeon Cole
Richard Carleton
Kimball Cole
Francis Curtise
Danl Chapman
Samuel W. Clemment
Leonard Carlton
Nathan Carlton
Frederick Carlton

John Day
Timothy Dorman
John Dorman
Moses Dorman
Perley Dorman

Israel Foster
Jonathan Foster jr.
Phineas Foster
Asa Foster
John Foster

Daniel Gould
Jacob Gould
John Gould
Cornelius Gould
Samuel Goodwin

Ivory Hovey
Joseph Hovey
Israel Herrick
Jeremiah Harriman jr
Daniel Harrington
Francis Hood
Isaac Hovey

Moody Kimball
John Kimball
Samuel Kimball
Josiah Kimball
Micaiah Kimball
Amos Kimball jr
Joseph Killam
Samuel Killam
Oliver Killam
Artemas Kimball
Charles Kimball

Solomon Law
Nathaniel Long

Stephen Peabody
Joseph S. Peabody
Oliver Peabody
Samuel Peabody
Amos Perley
Jesse Perley
Artemas W. Perley
Thomas Perley
Aaron Perley
Henry Perley
Henry Perley jr
Abraham Perley
Eliphalet Perley
Simeon Peart
Abraham Peabody jr
Artemas Peabody
Charles Peabody
Samuel Peabody jr

James Russet
Jonas Runnels
Enos Runnels

Samuel Spofford
Stephen Spofford
Parker Spofford
Frederick Spafford
Thomas Spafford
Joseph Smith
Joseph Symonds
Joseph Symonds jr
Simeon Stiles
Asa Stiles
Benjamine Spafford

Ancil Stickney
John Sawyer
Francis Swan
Samuel Stiles
John Stiles

John Tyler
Broadstreet Tyler
John Tyler jr
Samuel Towne
William Tyler

Solomon Wood 3d
Oliver Wood

General and Traverse Jurors

Israel Adams
Daniel Adams

Moses Chadwick

John Clay
Timothy Dorman
Moses Dorman

Israel Foster
Jonathan Foster jr
Asa Foster

Jacob Gould
John Gould

Israel Herrick

John Kimball
Samuel Kimball
Amos Kimball jr

Solomon Low

Stephen Peabody
Amos Perley
Aaron Perley
Phineas Perley
Abraham Perley

Samuel Spofford
Stephen Spofford
Parker Spofford
Joseph Symonds jr
Amos Stickney

John Tyler

Petit Jurors

Seth Burnam
Obadiah Burns
Richard Carlton
Kimball Cole
Hiram Curtice
Samuel W. Clemment
Leonard Carlton
Nathan Carlton

Perley Dorman

Phineas Foster

Jeremiah Harriman
Daniel Harriman
Isaac Hovey

Moody Kimball
Josiah Kimball
Micaiah Kimball
Samuel Killam
Charles Kimball

Joseph S. Peabody
Samuel Peabody
Artemas W. Perley
Henry Perley jr
Eliphalet Perley
Simeon Pearl
Abraham Peabody jr
Charles Peabody
Samuel Peabody jr

Frederick Spofford
Thomas Spofford
Joseph Smith
Asa Stiles
John Sawyer
Francis Swan
Samuel Stiles
John Tyler jr
Salomon Tibbo
Oliver Tibbo

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Moses Dorman
Samuel Spofford
Stephen Spofford
} Selectmen of Boxford

1812 Voted to allow a bill of twenty one dollars presented by Capt. Ancill Stickney for serving as Treasurer of the Town for three years 1809-10 and 1811 ——

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the annual meeting in May next. ——

Monday 11th day of May 1812 Meeting brought on agreeable to adjournment.

Joseph Fillam and Oliver Peabody not having been notified to take the Oath of Surveyors of Highways were both Chosen again to the Office of Surveyors. —

Voted to excuse Amos Kimball from serveing as as surveyor of the Highways.

Chose Israel Foster in his place

Voted to excuse Stephen Peabody Esqr from serveing as surveyor of the highways.

Chose Daniel Gould to fill his place.

Voted to excuse John Sawyer from serveing as fenceviewer.

Chose Capt. Jacob Gould in his place.

Voted to Excuse Samuel Peabody from serveing as Pounkeeper.

Chose Gideon Bixby Pounkeeper.

Meeting dissolved. —

At a legal meeting held in the meeting house of the East Parish in Boxford on Monday the 11th day of May 1812 for the purpose of choosing a representative to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened and held in Boston, on the last Wednesday of May current— the votes were as follows

Deac. Parker Stafford had 49 votes

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator for the remaining part of the meeting

money raised Voted to raise eight hundred and fifty dollars to defray the Charges of the Town the current year.

Voted.

Voted to approve and accept the report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improveing, leasing and manageing the Estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. and that the same be recorded.

Report.

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving leasing mannageing the Estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esquire for and towards the support of a Grammer School — Ask leave to report, that the Principal as stated in previous reports, amounting to 2061·25 is now held and secured in the same manner as described in a report of the 11th of May 1807 reference thereunto being had, excepting the bond therein mentioned from Jeremiah Low for the sum of 628·50. the same sum being now held by a Bond wherein Solomon Low is principal with Enoch Kimball and Moody Kimball Sureties. The annual interest amounting to $123·67 was duely received on the 17th of April last and the same day paid over to the Town treasurer to be applyed to the purposes of the afforesaid devise.

Boxford May 11th 1812 Thomas Perley
Stephen Spofford

Voted to pass over the 4th article in the warrant which related to the Town's receveing land security for those bonds due to the Town rarther than two Sureties which are uniformly required.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

1812 At a legal Town meeting held in the meeting House of the first Parish in Boxford Monday July 6th 1812 ~
for the purpose of taking into consideration the present alarming situation of our Country ~

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator

Voted that the address of the House of Representatives ~~be read~~ to the People of the Commonwealth be read ~

Voted that the report of the Committee of Conference on the subject of appointing Electors be read ~

Voted to Choose a Committee of five persons, to take into consideration the subject of our affairs with Great Britain and report theron. ~

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr
Deac. Parker Spofford
Capt. Jacob Gould
Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody
Jonathan Foster jr Esqr

Voted to adjourn the meeting for thirty minuits.

agreeable to adjournment the meeting brought on ~

Report The Committee appointed to take into consideration the present alarming situation of our Country in consequence of the late declaration of War by our Government with Great Britain to express their minds on the subject, and to adopt such measures as will be thought most fit and proper to avert so dreadful a calamity viewing with inexpressible anxiety the awful situation of our Country by the measures and declarations of the Government now involved in the Calamityes of War and exposed to all the numerous train of evils inevitably resulting therefrom.
In this situation it highly becoms good men and lovers of their Country, to consider and perform their duty to the Government and to express and maintain their Constitutional rights. ~
under these apprehensions the following resolves are submitted

By Thomas Perley
Parker Spofford
Jacob Gould
Ebenezer Peabody
Jonathan Foster jr. ~

Resolved that as Citizens of a free Government we consider it to be our duty, and that we will support all Constitutional Laws and authorities of the United States and of this Commonwealth and being orderly assembled according to the provision of the Constitution, to consult on the common good of our Country, are constrained to say, that when the United States were in a state of neutrality and peace with all Nations, for a series of years under the late and present administration; under fearful apprehensions we have seen the Government of the United States proceeding in a course of measures of aversion and irritation with one powerfull Nation, and of complaisance ~~with~~ and submission to another powerfull Nation. In the prosecution of such measures we consider the Government to have lost sight of, or to have disregarded the best interests of the people, who by the late acts of the Government are now become exposed to all the horrors of war, and a numerous train of evils which will follow from a continued War with the Power of Great Britain, and must result in the greatest of all evils an alliance with and subjugation to the Emperor of France.

Resolved, that we cannot see any just cause for this war, it will be destructive to the prosperity, the happiness, and the morals of the people, and if prosecuted we have reason to fear the loss of much blood and treasure together with our national rights and Independance.

Resolved that we admire the late speech of his Excellency Caleb Strong to the Legislature, replete with wisdom and with moderation.

Resolved, that we highly approve of the address of the House of Representatives to the people of Massachusetts, clearly pointing out to them their danger, the causes of their sufferings, and their remedy.

Resolved, that in this deplorable situation of our public concerns, we will endeavor to cultivate a spirit of amity among ourselves, and being of opinion that a unity of sentiment expressed by Towns and Countyes is become necessary, this Town will on their part appoint a Delegate to meet, deliberate, and advise with the Delegates that are or may be chosen for that purpose by the other Towns in the County of Essex.

Voted, unanimously to accept the foregoing report and resolves.

Voted to choose a Delegate to meet the Delegates of the several Towns in the County of Essex.

Chose Deac. Parker Shaffard for the above named purpose.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

At a legal Town meeting held in the meeting House of the first Parish in Boxford on Mond. the 2d day of November 1812 for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for Essex North distric votes for the following named persons were given in, sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution viz)

Representative to Congress

		votes	
For	Hon. Timothy Pickering	110	Representative to Congress
	Hon Daniel Killam	2	
	Revd. Peter Eaton	1	

At a legal Town meeting in the meeting House of the first parish in Boxford in the County of Essex on the 12th day of November 1812 for the Choice of Electors of President and vice President of the United States, the undernamed persons had the number of votes to their names respectively annexed

Electors of President and Vice President

Names		No. votes	
	Suffolk		
Hon. Harrison Gray	Otis of Boston	134	Electors of President and vice President
	Essex		
Hon. Nathan	Dane of Beverly	134	
Hon. Jeremiah	Nelson of Newburyport	134	
	Middlesex.		
Abraham	Bigelow Esqr. of Cambridge	134	
John	Walker Esqr of Barrington	134	

Hon. William	Gray of Boston	2
Hon. Samuel	Brown of Boston	2
Moses	Townsend Esqr. of Salem	2
William	Pierce Esqr of Gloucester	2
Samuel	Hoar Esqr. of Lincoln	2

for Electors

Chose Thomas Barley Esqr Moderator for the remainder of the meting

Voted to choose a Committee to devise and agree on a more eligible method, for the support and maintenance of the Towns Poor than the present, and that they report to the Towne of their doings accordingly at the adjournment of this meeting. ——

Voted that the Selectmen together with
Thomas Barley Esqr
Isaac Barker
Aaron Barley and
Israel Foster, be a Committee for the above mentioned purpose ~

Voted that the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the management of the estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. be authorised to take land security of those persons indebted to the Town, who prefer securing the Town in that way, rather than by two sureties — and that it be discretionary with the Committee how much land shall be security sufficient.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the second Monday in December next at two O'clock afternoon. ——

Monday December 14th 1812

Meeting brought on agreeable to adjournment ~

Voted that the report of the Committee above named should be read. ~

It was put to vote to see if the Town would accept the report of the Committee and it passed in the negative. ~

Voted to dissolve the meeting

1813 At a legal Town Meeting held in the meeting house in the North Parish in Boxford Monday April 5th 1813

Chose Thomas Perley Esq.r Moderator

Chose Amos Kimball jun.r Clerk –

Chose Moses Dorman
Capt. John Kimball
Capt. Joseph Symonds jr.
Simeon Peart
Capt. Jacob Gould
} Selectmen and Assessors

Voted to let out the Collection of taxes the present year to the lowest bidder.

The collection of the South district was struck off to Benjamin Stafford at 3 3/4 per cent. –

The collection of the North district was struck off to Benjamin Stafford at 3 3/4 per centum. –

Chose Benjamin Stafford Collector for both districts –

Chose Phineas Perley
Charles H. Kimball
} Constables

Chose Capt. Ancill Stickney } Treasurer –

Chose Francis Curtis
Capt. Joseph Symonds jr.
Timothy Dorman
John Sawyer
Artemas Kimball
Capt. Ancill Stickney
Jesse Perley
Thomas Perley Esq.r
Samuel Perley
Samuel Stafford
Jonathan Foster Esq.r
Samuel Carlton
Reuben Blaire
Jonas Bennets.
} Surveyors of Highways

Chose Capt. Jacob Gould
Aaron Perley
Joseph Hovey
Isaac Barker
} Surveyors

Chose Simeon Stiles
Capt. John Kimball
} Sythingmen

Chose Capt. Joseph Symonds jr.
Josiah Kimball
Amos Kimball
Peter Peard
Samuel Perley
Phineas Perley
} Hogreaves

Chose Samuel Killam
Charles Peabody
Ismael Adams
John Kimball jr.
Dear. Parker Shepherd
Phineas Perley
} Field drivers

Chose Capt. Joseph Symonds jr.
Capt. Solomon Low
Samuel Carlton
} Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Gideon Bixby
Moses Chadwick
} Pound keepers

Chose Joseph Smith
John Foster
Samuel Stiles
Thomas Shepherd
Richard Carlton
Isaac Barker
Capt. John Tyler
Aaron Perley
Seth Wyman
} School Committee

Chose John Kimball jr.
Joseph Reed
Samuel Carlton
} Fish Committee

Chose

1815

Chose Deacon Parker Spofford
Israel Adams
Stephen Spofford
} Fish Committee on the River Parker & the falls river and the streams running into the same

Voted that the high ways and Town ways be assessed by a tax the present year.

Voted to raise one thousand dollars to repair said high ways.

Voted that the same be assessed and paid in the same manner as was done the last year.

Voted to allow a man one dollar per day, for a yoke of Oxen seventy five cents, for a Cart fifty cents, one for a plow seventy five cents per day while improved on the ways.

Money for Schools

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the support of schools the present year, and that one fourth part thereof be appropriated for the maintenance of Womens schools.

Voted to restrain swine from going at large.

Voted that neat cattle, horses, and horse kind, be restrained from going at large from the 10th of April to the fifteenth of November following.

Votes for a County Treasurer were as follows

Nathaniel Wade Esq.r had one hundred and twenty nine votes.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the second Monday in May next at 2 O'clock afternoon.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Paxton holden in the meeting House of the North Parish in said Town on the fifth day of April (being the first Monday in said month) 1813, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lt Governor and Senators and Counsellors the following votes were given in, sorted and counted and declaration thereof made as is prescribed by the Constitution

His Excellency Caleb Strong ..... 146 } For Governor
Hon. Joseph B. Varnum ..... 15 }

Hon. William Phillips ..... 146 } For Lt. Governor
Hon. William Sting ..... 15 }

Hon. Daniel A. White ..... 146 } For Counsellors and Senators.
Hon. Thomas Stephens 146
Hon. Daniel Killam 15
William Pierce Esqr 15

Monday May 10th 1813 Meeting brought on agreeable to adjournment.

Voted to excuse John Foster from serving as a school Committee.

Chose Josiah Kimball to fill his place.

Voted to Excuse Israel Adams from serving as fieldriver

Chose Samuel Spofford Fieldriver in his stead.

Voted to excuse Amos Kimball from serving as Hogreave

Chose Samuel Spofford Hogreave in his stead.

Meeting Dissolved.

Meeting for the Choice of Representative to the General Court

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town Boxford held in the meeting house of the North Parish in said Town Monday May 10th 1813 for the purpose of Choosing a suitable person to represent said Town in the General Court appointed to be convened and held in Boston on the last Wednesday of May Instant. Votes were as follows viz. Deacon Parker Shepherd had 62 votes unanimous—

Chose Deacon Parker Shepherd Moderator for the remaining part of the meeting.

Money raised

Voted to raise one thousand dollars to defray the Charges of the Town the present year.—

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esquire—

Report.

Report on donation

The committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, managing, and leasing the estate devised to the Town by the generous devise of the Hon. Aaron Wood Esquire, for and towards the support of a grammar school, ask leave to report—

That on the 17th day of April last they duly received and paid over to the Treasurer the sum of 123-67 being one years interest on $2061,25 being the sum total of all the sums intrusted to their care, as stated in former reports, and is now secured and held in the manner following (viz)

$ 623,50	from Solomon Low, his sureties are	Enoch Kimball & Moody Kimball
287,25	from Isaac Barker, sureties	John Robinson and Aaron Robinson
61-00	from Nathaniel Nelson, sureties	Asa Pingree and Ethan Phillips
100-00	from Nathaniel Perley, sureties	Ariell Stickney & Nathaniel Perley jun.
110-00	from Daniel Adams sureties	Ebenezer Wood & Jonathan Foster jr.
200-00	from Phineas Perley, sureties	Aaron Perley & Abraham Perley
100,00	from Joel Peabody sureties	Nathan Andrews & Samuel Peabody
119,50	from Solomon Wood sureties	Henry Perley and Moody Perley
100,00	from Asa Pingree sureties,	John Richard and Nathaniel Nelson
200,00	from Moses Shepherd, sureties	Benjamin Shepherd & Gilbert Shepherd
200 00	formerly let to John Richard jr and lately paid in by the administrators of the estate of John Richard one of the sureties.	

All which is respectfully submitted by Thomas Perley, Stephen Shepherd, Israel Adams—

Boxford May 10th 1813

Tax abated

Voted to abate the poll Tax of Mr Samuel Woodis Collector Moses Chadwicks List of rates for the year 1811

Voted to accept the List of Jurors as prepared and presented by the Selectmen.

List of Jurors accepted

A List of the names of those persons, who are the Selectmen have selected liable to serve as jurors pursuant to an act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, passed at their Sessions on the 27th of February 1813.

Israel Adams
Daniel Adams
Samuel Carlton
Richard Carlton
Samuel W. Clemment
Daniel Chapman
Moses Chadwick
John Day
Timothy Dorman
Moses Dorman
Israel Foster
Jonathan Foster 3d
Isa Foster
Jacob Gould
John Gould
Israel Merrick
John Kimball
Samuel Kimball
Amos Kimball jr
Artemas Kimball
Moody Kimball
Solomon Low
Stephen Peabody
Charles Peabody
Aaron Perley
Amos Perley
Abraham Perley
Benjamin Peart
Simeon Peart
Stephen Spofford
Samuel Spofford
Joseph Symonds jr
Benjamin Spofford
Joseph Smith
Israel Stickney
Francis Swan
John Syler
John Syler jr

Boxford May 10th 1813
Submitted by
Moses Dorman
John Kimball
Joseph Symonds jr.
Simeon Peart
Jacob Gould
} Selectmen of Boxford

Bills of Charge Allowed.

Voted to allow Stephen Spofford a bill of six dollars and eighty nine cents for services on complaint from the Wife of Thomas Chadwick, and procuring a Guardian for d. Thomas

Voted to allow Samuel Spofford a Charge of two dollars for services on the above mentioned occasion.

Voted to dissolve the Meeting.

In compliance with an act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "an Act for the due regulation of Weights and Measures," we the subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Boxford, have appointed, and do hereby appoint Mr. Israel Foster, to be a sealer of Weights and Measures within said town for the year ensuing.

Boxford June 1st 1813

Moses Dorman
John Kimball
Simeon Pearl
Jacob Gould
} Selectmen of Boxford

1814

At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the First Parish in Boxford the 4th day of April 1814.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator.

Chose Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

Chose Moses Dorman,
Capt. John Kimball
Capt. Joseph Symonds Jur.
Simeon Pearl,
Capt. Jacob Gould
} Selectmen and Assessors.

Chose Capt. Ancill Stickney } Treasurer.

Chose Phineas Perley,
Charles H. Kimball
} Constables.

Collection of Taxes.

Voted to let out the collection of Taxes for the present year in two districts, to the lowest bidders.

Allowance for collecting

The collection of Taxes for the south district was struck off to Benjamin Spofford at 3¾ per cent.

The collection for the north district was struck off to Benjamin Spofford at 3½ per cent.

Chose Benjamin Spofford, Collector for said south and north districts

Chose Oliver Killam,
Moses Gould,
Samuel Stiles,
Ens. Cornelius Gould,
} Surveyors of Highways.

Chose Moses Peabody,
Samuel Peabody Jur.
Henry Perley Junr.
Aaron Perley,
Lieut. Abraham Perley,
Thomas Spofford
}

Moody Perley, Benjamin Pearl, Isaac Barker, Capt. John Tyler Jr.	Surveyors of Highways.
Chose Amos Perley, Capt. Ancill Stickney, Jonathan Foster Esq. Capt. John Tyler Jr.	Fence-viewers.
Chose Daniel Chapman, Capt. John Kimball	Tything men
Chose Francis Curtice, En. Charles Peabody, Artemas Kimball, John Gould, Joseph Foster, John Bacon, John Merrill, Phineas Perley, Samuel W. Clement	Hogreeves.
Chose Benjamin Spofford, Samuel Killam, Samuel Perley Jr. Jonathan Foster Esqr. John Kimball Jr. Eliphalet Perley	Field-drivers.
Chose Aaron Perley, Capt. Joseph Symonds Jr. Samuel Carleton	Surveyors of Lumber
Chose Gideon Bixby, Moses Chadwick	Pound-keepers.
Chose Cap. Joseph Symonds Jr. Capt. Jeremiah Young, Artemas Kimball, Eliphalet Perley, Phineas Perley, Jonathan Foster Esqr. Richard Carleton, Moses Chadwick, En. Enos Runnels.	School-Committee.

Money raised for Schools. Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the maintenance of of Schools the current year.

Voted to appropriate one fourth part of the aforesaid sum for the support of Women Schools. Voted.

1814.

Repair of Highways

Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the repair and amendment of Highways and town-roads the present year, and that the same be assessed and paid as formerly.

Voted to allow seven per day, working on the roads, one dollar - for a yoke of oxen, seventy five cents - for a cart, forty cents and for a plough, one dollar per day while imployed on said Ways -

Voted that a Committee, consisting of three persons, be appointed to take a valuation of the Real estate within the Town the present year.

Chose Deacon Parker Stafford
Timothy Barnard } Committee for the above purpose
Deacon John Day

Voted that the Selectmen meet with the above named Committee, and assist in revising and correcting the said Valuation.

Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses and horse kind from going at large from the tenth of April to the fifteenth of November following.

Voted to restrain swine from going at large.

County Treasurer

Votes for a County Treasurer were as follows

Col. Nathaniel Wade one hundred and seventeen
Jabez Farley Esq.r three.

Chose Benajah Barnes } Fish committee on the streams
Joseph Wood } leading through Bradford
John Kimball Jr. } into Merrimack river.

Chose Deac.n Parker Stafford } Fish committee on the
Stephen Stafford } river Porter - the Falls
Israel Adams } river and the streams
running into said Rivers.

Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the first Monday of May next to two O'clock afternoon

At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meeting house of the First parish in Boxford on Monday the 4th day of April 1814. for the purpose of giving in their written votes for a Governor, Lieut. Governor and Senators. The following votes were given in, sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution, viz.

	No. of votes	
Excellency Caleb Strong	142	Governor.
Hon. Samuel Dexter	24	
Hon. William Phillips	142	Lt. Governor
Hon. William Gray	24	
Hon. Samuel Putnam Esqr.	142	For Senators and Counsellors.
Hon. Daniel A. White Esqr.	142	
Hon. Thomas Stephens Esqr.	142	
Hon. Nathaniel Hooper Esqr.	142	
Hon. John Varnum Esqr.	141	
Hon. Thomas Kitteridge	24	
Hon. Daniel Kilham	24	
Moses Little Esqr.	24	
Hon. Benjamin Crowningshield	24	
Nathan B. Martin Esqr.	24	

Monday, May 2nd, 1814. The town convened agreeably to adjournment and proceeded as follows

Committee to take a valuation dismissed — Voted to dismiss the Committee appointed to take a valuation of the Real estate within the town, and that the valuation formerly proposed be suspended.

Taxes abated — Voted to abate the taxes of Martha Sessions in Collector Moses Chadwick's list of rates for the year 1811.

It was put to vote, to see if the town would abate the taxes of Stephen Sessions in said Chadwick's list, and it passed in the negative.

Voted to abate the town tax set to Jonathan Porter in said Chadwick's list for the year 1811.

Chose Ensn. Kimball Cole Wything man

Voted to excuse Richard Carleton from serving as one of the School Committee.

Chose Moody Kimball School Committee man.

Chose Samuel W. Clement Surveyor of Lumber.

Bills of charge allowed — Voted to allow the bill presented by Capt. Ancill Stickney of $14. for his service as Treasurer two years, viz. 1812 and 1813.

Voted to allow the bill of $0.33 presented by Capt. Joseph Symonds Jr. for timber and plank to repair a bridge.

Voted to allow the bill of $9.45 presented by Artemas Kimball for materials and labor in repairing the Fordway bridge, and the bridge near the house of Mr. John Foster.

1814.

At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meeting house of the First parish in Boxford the 2nd day of May 1814 for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent said Town in the General Court appointed to be convened and held in Boston on the last Wednesday of May current. The votes were as follows

For Deacon Parker Spofford 33 votes. Unanimus.

Chose Parker Spofford Esqr. Moderator for the remaining part of the Meeting.

Money raised for town charges

Voted to raise eleven hundred dollars to defray the charges of the town the current year.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of mannageing, leasing and improving the Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. and that the Report be recorded.

Report.

Report on Donation

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, mannageing and leasing the Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. for, and towards the support of a Grammar School. Ask leave to report, that on, or before Monday the 18th day of April last, the annual interest of $123.67 then due on the principal sum of $2061.25 from various persons was accounted for and paid over to the Treasurer.

The aforesaid sum of the principal as formerly intrusted to their care is now secured and held in manner following viz.

$623.50 From Solomon Low - sureties, Enoch Kimball & Moody Kimball

287.25 From Isaac Barker - secured by a mortgage of about nine acres of land lying southerly and westerly of his House.

61.00 From Nathaniel Nelson - sureties, Asa Pingree and Nathan Phillips.

100.00 From Nathaniel Perley - sureties, Ancill Stickney and Nathaniel Perley Jr.

70.00 From Daniel Adams - sureties, Lemuel Wood and Jonathan Foster.

200.00 From Phineas Perley - sureties, Aaron Perley and Abraham Perley.

100.00 From Joel Peabody - sureties, Nathan Andrews and Samuel Peabody

119.50 From Solomon Wood - sureties, Henry Perley & Moody Perley

100.00 From Thomas Foster - sureties, John Perley & Moses Perley

200.00 From Moses Spofford - sureties, Benjamin Spofford and Abel Spofford.

200.00 From Daniel Hariman - sureties, John Kimball and Jeremiah Hariman Jr.

2061.25 Total

Boxford May 2nd, 1814.

Thomas Perley,
Stephen Spofford,
Israel Adams.

1814. At a legal Town meeting, holden in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford the 16th day of September 1814.

Chose Jonathan Foster Esqr. Moderator.

Voted to postpone the second and third articles in the Warrant, and to act on the fourth article.

Abatement of Taxes referred to the Selectmen

It was put to vote; to see if the town would abate the taxes of Moses Chapman, John Dorman, Benjamin Dutton, John Perley, Ezra Wildes, Oliver Towne and that part of the tax of Artemas Peabody which remains unpaid all which are in Collector Cornelius Gould's list of rates for the year 1811.

Voted to refer the above to the discretion of the Selectmen.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Boxford for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States, to represent Essex North district, holden on the 7th day of November 1814 being the first Monday of said Month. The votes being sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution, were as follows

For Hon. Daniel A. White votes 94 Unanimous } For Representative to Congress.

Chose Capt. Jacob Gould Moderator.

Tax of John Dorman abated

Voted to abate the taxes of John Dorman in Collector Phineas Perley's list of rates for the year 1800.

Votes relating to Soldiers

Voted that those soldiers, who have been in actual service, receive a compensation for their service.

Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons to stipulate a sum per month which the Soldiers ought to have

Chose Capt. Joseph Symonds Jun. Billy Bradstreet and Capt. Abraham Perley a Committee for the above purpose.

The abovenamed Committee retired, and on their return, reported, that in their opinion, the soldiers ought to be made up twelve dollars per month.

Voted to accept the Report of the aforenamed Committee.

Voted to make up to the soldiers aforesaid, two dollars per month in addition to the sum which the Committee reported.

Voted

1814.

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to draw orders on the Town Treasurer for such sums as shall appear to be due to the aforesaid Soldiers; to make up the fourteen dollars per month.

Voted to reimburse the eighteen dollars paid to the two Rosses, to those persons who paid the same, and that the Selectmen draw orders on the Town Treasurer in favor of those persons, who advanced the said eighteen dollars.

Voted to reconsider the vote last passed respecting the reimbursement of the eighteen dollars advanced to the said Rosses.

Meeting dissolved.

1815. At a legal Town Meeting held in the North parish Boxford on Monday 3rd day of April 1815:

Chose Thomas Perley Esq. Moderator.

Chose John Thimball Town Clerk.

Voted to Choose three persons to serve as Selectmen and overseers. the present year.

Voted to Choose three persons to serve as Assessors the present year

Chose Moses Dorman
John Thimball
Israel Foster
} Selectmen and Overseers poor of Boxford

Chose Stephen Spofford
Dr. John Day
Amos Perley
} Assessors of Boxford

Chose Capt. Ancill Stickney Treasurer

Voted to let out the Collection of taxes the present year to the lowest bidder the South district was struck off to Benjamin Spofford at 3½ per cent the North Collection District was struck off to John Johnson at 2 pr. cent.

Chose Benjamin Spofford Collector for the South District

Chose John Johnson Collector for the North District

Chose Phineas Perley
Benjamin Pearl
} Constables

Chose John Gould

Capt. Joseph Symonds jr.
Nathan Andrews
Asa Stiles
Samuel Perley jr.
Nathan Dresser
Col. Solomon Low
Artemas W. Perley
Seth Burnam
Israel Adams
Capt. Amos Thimball
Capt Simeon Cole
Joshua Emery
Doct Josiah Bacon

Surveyors of Highways

Chose Aaron Perley
Artemas Thimball
Jonas Brunnels
Isaac Barker

Fence Viewers

Chose Stephen Spofford
Moses Dorman
John Gould
Phineas Barns
Thomas Spofford
Reuben Beard
Capt Amos Thimball

Tythingmen

Chose Francis Curtice
Joseph Foster
Simeon Pearl
Benjamin Spofford
Simeon Stiles
Moody Perley
Edmond Barker
Samuel Perley

Hogreeves

1815.

Chose Fredrick Spofford
John Gould
Nathaniel Long
Capt. Amos Thimball
Phineas Perley
Ensr. Cornelius Gould
Moody Thimball
Jonas Runnels
} Field drivers

Chose Gideon Birby
Benjamin Pearl
} Pound keepers

Chose Capt. Joseph Symonds jur.
Aaron Perley
Samuel Charleton
Samuel W. Clement
} Surveyors of Lumber

Francis Curtis
John Gould
Asa Foster
Asa Stiles
Joseph S. Peabody
Benjamin Spofford
Samuel Spofford
Capt. Amos Thimball
Dear John Day
Ensr. Samuel Thimball
} School Committee

Voted to raise five Hundred dollars for the Maintainee of Schools the present year & to appropriate one fourth part for a Woman School.

Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the repair and amendment of Highways and town roads the current year the same to be assessed as formily

Voted to restrain neat Cattle Horses and Horse kind from going at large from the tenth of April to the fifteenth of November following

Voted for County Treasurer Col. Nathaniel Wade ninety five

Voted to allow a man per. day working on the roads one dollar for a yoke of oxen Seventy five cents, for a cart, forty cents, and for a plough one dollar per day while improved on said ways – –

Voted to restrain swine the present year from going at [illegible]

Cross Tow.ⁿ	Enos Runnels Jonas Runnels John Kimball jun.	Fish Committee on the streams leading through Bradford into Merrimack river
C. Sion	Stephen Spofford Israel Adams Dea.ⁿ Parker Spofford	Fish Committee on the river Parker the falls river and the Stream running into said river

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Voted Adjourn the meeting to the first Monday of May next at two O Clock afternoon

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1815. At a legal Town meeting held in the Meeting house of the North Parish in Boxford on Monday the 3.ʳᵈ day April 1815: for the purpose of giving in their written votes for a Governor Leiut Governor and senators. The following votes were given in sorted Counted and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution Viz.

	no. of votes	
Excellency Caleb Strong	134	Governor
Hon. Samuel Dexter	10	
Hon. William Phillips	134	Lt Governor
Hon. William Gray	10	
Hon. Thomas Stevens	132	For Senators and Counsellors
Hon. Nathaniel Hooper	132	
Hon. Nehemiah Cleaveland	132	
John Pickering Esq.	132	
Stephen Hooper Esq.	132	

Voted to

1815. Monday May 1st 1815 the town convened agreeable to adjournment and proceeded as follows.

Voted to excuse Amos Perley from serving as Assessor
Voted to reconsider the vote to excuse Amos Perley
Voted to excuse Joseph Peabody from serving as School Committee man.
Chose [illegible] in the room [illegible] Peabody

Voted to Chose a Committee of five persons to retire and put their opinions in writing concerning taking a valuation in the town the present year and report in Half an Hour.
Chose Phineas Perley Benjamin Stickney Daniel [illegible] Billy [illegible] & [illegible] Esq. for the above purpose

Voted to pass over the 7 article respecting breaking out in the Winter [illegible] town roads

Voted to pass over the [illegible] article respecting Surveyors furnishing ardent Spirit for men working on the roads

Voted to excuse John Johnson from serving as a Collector of taxes in the North district in Boxford.

Collector. Chose Ens. John Bacon in the room of said Johnson.

Voted to accept Ens John Bacon as there Collector, and the Collection was struck off to him at 2 cents and 5 mills on Hundred

Voted to excuse Benjamin Peart as Constable
Chose Ens John Bacon constable in the room of Benjamin Peart [illegible]

Bill of Charge. Voted to allow a Bill of Charge of Stephen [illegible] for his services on the Committee to take the care and direction of the Estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq. from the 30th May 1809 to the first of May 1815 at one dollar per year. $6.00

Voted to allow the bill of Charge of Thomas Perley Esq. for his services on the Committee to take the care and direction of the Estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq. from October 1798 to May 1815. sixteen years at one dollar per year $16.00

Voted to accept the report of the Committee to whome was refered the subject of a Valuation their report that they can propose no better method than that the assessors be instructed to take a thorough valuation of the real estate within the town either by actual survey or such other Method as they may judge necessary to effect the above purpose

Voted to allow Ens. Cornelius [illegible] liberty to discharge His Highway tax of 1811 by working three days the present year on the roads under a Surveyor.

Voted to excuse Amos Perley from serving as assessor
Chose Capt Joseph Symonds in the room of Amos Perley Excused as assessor the present year.

1815 At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meetinghouse in the North Parish in Boxford on Monday the 1 day of May 1816: for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent this town in the general Court appointed to be convened and held Boston on the last Wednesday of May instant the votes were as follows for Mr. Israel Foster .... 52 for Parker Spofford Esqr. 82 for Capt. Jacob [illegible] 1 & for [illegible] Charles Peabody 1

Chose Mr. Stephen Spofford Moderator for the remainder of the Meeting

Voted to raise [illegible] dollars to defray the Charges of the Town the current year.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed to take the Care and direction of the manner of managing leasing and improving the Estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq and that the Report be recorded

Voted to allow [illegible] Kimball ~~Coln~~ the privilege of working out one Half of his Highway tax the present year ~~on~~ a pass way leading by his House

Reason The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving leasing and managing the Estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq towards the support of a summer school [illegible] have to report that on the 17th day of April last they received 123.67 [illegible] annual interest on all the Bonds entrusted to their care which sums been placed in the hands of the Treasurer according to the directions of the Town The Principal of \$2061.25 remains safe and secured as stated in the last annual Report reference thereunto being had

Boxford May 1st 1815:

Thomas Perley
Stephen Spofford
Israel Adams

523.55 - From Solomon Low - Sureties [illegible] Kimball & Moody Kimball
257.25 From Isaac Parker [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] From [illegible] Nelson Sureties Asa Pingree and Nathan Phillips
[illegible] From Nathaniel [illegible] Sureties [illegible] & Nathaniel Perley
[illegible] From Daniel Adams Sureties [illegible] & Jonathan Foster Esqr.
2[illegible].00 From Phineas Perley Sureties [illegible] and Abraham Perley
1[illegible].00 From [illegible] Peabody Sureties Nathan Andrews and Samuel Peabody
117.50 From Solomon Wood Sureties [illegible] Perley & Moody Perley
[illegible] From Thomas Foster Sureties [illegible] Perley & [illegible] Perley
2[illegible].00 From Moses Spofford Sureties [illegible] & Abel Spofford
[illegible].00 From Daniel [illegible] Sureties [illegible]
[illegible]061.25

[illegible]

1815.

At a legal town meeting held in the Meeting house of the second parish in Boxford on Monday the 17th day of July 1815. for the purpose of giving in their Votes for one Representative to the congress of the united states for the fourth Middle district. Votes for the following person were given in and record and declaration thereof made as by law is directed viz. all for.

Hon. Jeremiah Nelson } Representative to congress

1816.

At a legal Town-meeting, held in the Meeting house of the first parish in Boxford, on Monday, the first day of April 1816.

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator.

Chose Moses Dorman } Town Clerk.

Chose Moses Dorman,
Capt. John Kimball,
Amos Perley,
Simeon Peart,
Col. Solomon Low. } Selectmen and Assessors.

Chose Capt. Ancill Stickney } Treasurer.

Chose Daniel Adams
Samuel Perley Jur. } Constables.

Voted to let out the collection of taxes for the ensuing year, in two districts to the lowest bidders.

Premium allowed for collecting taxes

The collection of taxes for the South district was struck off to Samuel Perley Jur. at 3¼ per cent.

The collection for the North district was struck off to Daniel Adams at 3 per cent.

Chose Samuel Perley Jur. } Collector for the south district
Daniel Adams } Collector for the North district

Voted to choose eight Tything men, four in each parish.

Chose Stephen Spofford,
Israel Adams
Moses Dorman,
Phineas Perley,
John Gould,
Reuben Beard,
John Tyler Jur.
Capt. Amos Kimball Jur. } Tything men.

Chose Samuel Killam, Capt. Joseph Symonds, Moses Dorman, Asa Foster Ens. Josiah Kimball, Stephen Peabody Esqr. Jesse Perley, Thomas Perley Esqr. Frederick Spofford, Leonard Carleton, William Tyler, Samuel W. Clement, Benjamin Pearl, Capt. Ivory Hovey.	Surveyors of Highways.
Chose Phineas Perley, Capt. Jacob Gould, Isaac Barker, Daniel Mitchel.	Fence viewers.
Chose Phineas Perley, Jesse Perley, Thomas Richards, Samuel Perley Jr. Lieut. Charles Peabody, Capt. Simeon Cole, Capt. Ivory Hovey	Hogreeves.
Chose John Sawyer, Artemas W. Perley, Ensn. Enos Runnels, Jonathan Foster Esqr.	Field-drivers.
Chose Samuel Peabody, Benjamin Pearl	Pound keepers.
Chose Col. Solomon Low, Capt. Joseph Symonds, Samuel W. Clement, Samuel Carleton	Surveyors of Lumber.
Chose Samuel Killam, Capt. Jacob Gould, Lt. Charles Peabody, Samuel Perley Jr. Deacn. Parker Spofford, Phineas Perley, Daniel Chapman, Israel Foster Capt. John Kimball, Simeon Pearl, Ensn. Enos Runnels	School Committee.

Money raised for schools.

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the support of schools the current year.

Appropriated for Women schools.

Voted to appropriate one fourth part of the aforesaid sum for the support of women schools.

Money raised for repairing High ways.

Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the repairs and amendment of the highways and town roads the present year, and that the same be assessed and paid out formerly

Allowed for labour.

Voted to allow a man, per day, working on the roads, one dollar - for a yoke of oxen, seventy five cents - for a cart, forty cents, and for a plough, one dollar per day, while improved on said Ways.

Cattle &c. Restrained.

Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses, and horse kine from going at large from the tenth of April to the fifteenth of November following.

Swine restrained

Voted that swine be restrained from going at large the current year.

Voted to pass over the seventh article in the warrant, which was to appoint a Fish Committee

Voted to accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen, by the request of Billy Bradstreet, in case said Road does not infringe on the burying ground, and that it be not any expence to the town: Road laid out as follows, viz:

Road near Billy Bradstreets.

Beginning at the northerly gate post of the gate which is about fifteen rods in a southwesterly direction from the dwelling house of the said Billy Bradstreet; thence running westerly with a wall about twenty six rods to the publick road which leads to the Revd. Peter Eaton's Meetinghouse - said way to be about two rods wide, and to lay on the westerly side of the aforesaid line.

Dated at Boxford the 7th day of March 1816.

Moses Dorman, John Kimball, Israel Foster } Selectmen of Boxford.

Voted to pass over the tenth article in the warrant, which relates to the late valuation of Real estate taken in the town.

Voted to pass over the eleventh article in the warrant, relating to the abatement of taxes in Collector Spofford's and Bemis's lists of rates for the year 1815.

Voted to pass over the twelfth article in the warrant, which was for the Selectmen and Assessors to present their bills of charge to the town for payment.

Votes for County Treasurer

Nathaniel Wade Esq.r one hundred and seventeen votes

Votes for Register of Deeds

Elmon Cheate Esq.r one hundred and seventeen votes

Treasurer's bill allowed.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of fourteen dollars presented by Capt.n Isaiah Hickey, for his services as Treasurer two years, namely 1814 and 1815.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday the 13th of May next to two O'clock in the afternoon.

At a legal Town-meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the First parish in Boxford on Monday the first day of April 1816. for the purpose of giving in their written votes for a Governor, Lieut. Governor and Senators. The following votes were given in, sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution, viz.

	No. of Votes	
Hon. John Brooks	123	For Governor.
Hon. Samuel Dexter	21	
Thomas Perley Esq.r	1	

Hon William Phillips	123	For Lt. Governor.
Hon. William Heath	21	
Parker Hofford Esq.r	1	

Hon. Dudley L. Pickman	122	For Senators and Counsellors.
Hon. Jarvis Bartlett	122	
Hon. Jeremiah Cleaveland	121	
Hon. John Pickering	122	
Hon. Stephen Hooper	122	
Hon. Thomas Whittridge	21	
Hon. Daniel Hilliard	21	
Nathaniel Ths. Martin Esq.r	21	
Jabez Farley Esq.r	21	
Daniel Cummings Esq.r	21	

Monday, May 13th 1816. The Inhabitants of the town convened agreeably to adjournment, and proceeded as follows

Bills of charge allowed.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of $4.10 presented by Jabez Foster, for repairs of a bridge over the Fishing brook.

Voted to allow the bills of charge presented by Stephen Hofford, Deacon John Day and Capt. Joseph Symonds of $4.00 each for taking the valuation of Real estate in said Town. Thirty two days each, at one dollar and twenty five cents per day.

Meeting dissolved.

1816.

At a legal Town-meeting, held in the Meeting house of of the First parish in Boxford on Monday the 13th day of of May 1816. for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent said Town in the General Court appointed to be convened and held in Boston on the last Wednesday of May current. The votes were as follows —

For Representative:

	Votes
Israel Foster	72
Parker Stafford Esqr	3
Jonathan Foster Esqr	2
Capt. Amos Kimball Junr	1
Moody Foster	1

Chose Capt. Jacob Gould Moderator.

Money raised. Voted to raise one thousand and three hundred dollars to defray the charges of the Town the current year.

Acceptance of Report on Donation. Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, leasing and manmageing the Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr and that the same be recorded.

Report.

Report. The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, leasing and manmageing the estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr towards the support of a grammar-school, ask leave to Report that on the 17th day of April last, they received one hundred, twenty three dollars and sixty seven cents, the annual interest on all the Bonds entrusted to their care, which sum has been placed in the hands of the Treasurer according to the directions of the Town.

The principal sum of $2061.25 remains loose and secured as was stated by the Committees report of the 2nd of May, 1814. reference thereunto being had.

Boxford May 13th, 1816.

Thomas Perley,
Stephen Stafford,
Israel Adams.

Committee appointed. Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons to meet the viewing Committee on the Road leading from Ipswich to the Oak-tree above the house of the heirs of

Capt. Jonathan Wood.
Chose Stephen Peabody Esqr
Capt. Jacob Gould
Moses Parmenter

} Committee for the above purpose.

te relating making the ighways and en roads assable, when locked up ith snow

Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be directed (when the roads are blocked up and incumbered with snow) to call on the Inhabitants of their respective districts, to make out such assistance as they may find necessary, to open and render the roads in their districts passable, and to keep a fair account of the time, and work so done, by each person, by men and oxen — and shall, on or before the tenth day of May, next following, make out a fair and true copy of their original enteries of the work so performed, and transmit the same into the hands of the person, who shall be Surveyor in the same district, and shall make oath thereto, if required — and the said succeeding Surveyors shall receive such lists from their predecessors in office, and shall give credit to each person named on their respective Lists, for such sums as they may be respectively entitled to receive for any labor which they may have performed the then past winter in manner aforesaid; at the rates established the preceding year.

ode of mpensation r labour erformed

Voted to appoint a Committee of five persons, to view the way prayed for, for a publick highway, by Lemuel Wood and others, in the second parish in Boxford and that such Committee make report at the next town meeting.

mmittee appointed.

Chose Moses Dorman,
Capt. John Kimball,
Amos Perley,
Simeon Pearl,
Col. Solomon Low
} Committee for the above purpose.

Meeting dissolved.

1816.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford, held in the Meetinghouse of the First parish in said Town the 4th day of November 1816. being the first Monday of said Month - for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States, to represent Essex North district - the votes being sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution were as follows, to wit.

		Votes	
For	William B. Bannister Esqr	42	For Representative
	Hon. Thomas Rutteridge Esqr	11	
	Hon. John Varnum Esqr	3	to Congress.
	Ebenezer Hanley Esqr	1	
	Hon. Jeremiah Nelson Esqr	1	

1817.

At a legal Meeting of the male Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford, held in the Meetinghouse of the Second parish in said Boxford, on Monday, the 27th day of January 1817. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States, to represent Essex North district. The votes being sorted, counted and declaration thereof made, as prescribed by the Constitution, were as follows, to wit.

		Votes	
For	William B. Bannister Esqr	60	For Representative
	Hon. Jeremiah Nelson	1	to Congress.

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting House in the North Parish in Boxford on Monday the seventh day of April 1817

Chose Moses Dorman Moderator

Chose Amos Kimball the Town Clerk -

Chose Moses Dorman
Israel Foster
Amos Perley
Capt. John Wyler
Artemas Kimball
} Selectmen and Assessors.

Chose Ariel Stickney } Treasurer

Chose Ens. Samuel Perley
John Merrit
} Constables

Premiums allowed for Collecting Taxes.

Voted to let out the collection of Taxes the ensuing year to the lowest bidders in the districts.

The collection of Taxes for the South district was struck off to Ens. Samuel Perley at 3 3/5 per cent.

The Collection of Taxes for the North district was struck off to Lt. Kimball Cole at 4 1/2 per cent. -

Chose Ens. Samuel Perley } Collector for the South district
Chose Lt. Kimball Cole } Collector for the North district

Chose Thomas Spofford
Isaac Barker
Simeon Pearl
John Merril
Stephen Spofford
Josiah Woodbury
Deac. Parker Spofford
Aaron Perley
} Sything men

Chose Capt. Jacob Gould
Capt. Joseph Symonds
Phineas Foster
Ens. Cornelius Gould
Nathaniel Long
Ens. Daniel Gould
Francis Hood
Amos Perley
Oliver Wood
Samuel Spofford
Lt. Kimball Cole
Ens. Samuel Kimball
John Merril
Daniel Mitchel
} Surveyors of Highways

Votes for County Treasurer, Nathaniel Wade Esqr had ninety four votes

Voted to adjourn the Meeting to Monday the 14th of April at two O'clock afternoon

Monday April 14th Meeting brought on agreeable to adjournment.

Chose Deac. John Day
Capt. John Kimball
Capt. Jacob Gould
Aaron Perley
Benjamin Spofford
} Fenceviewers.

Chose Francis Curtis
Oliver Peabody
Samuel Stiles
Ens. Samuel Perley
Moody Kimball
James Coburn
Daniel Harriman
Jeremiah Harriman
Eliphalet Runnels
} Hogreeves

Chose Joseph Hale
Francis Hood
Francis Curtis
Samuel Spofford
Capt. Simeon Cole
} Field drivers

Chose Samuel Peabody
Moses Chadwick
} Poundkeepers

Chose

1817

Chose Col. Solomon Low
Capt. Joseph Symonds
Samuel W. Clemment
Samuel Carlton
} Surveyors of Lumber

Chose John Gould
Ens. Samuel Perley
John Sawyer
Capt. Ariell Stickney
Phineas Barns
John Tyler 3d.
Ens. Leonard Carlton
Daniel Mitchell
Lieut John Bacon
} School Committee

Voted to excuse Israel Chaster from serving as Selectman and assessor. Chose Amos Kimball 2d in his stead

Money raised for Schools — Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the support of Schools the present year.

Apportionment for Schools — Voted to appropriate one fourth of the aforesaid sum for the support of Womens Schools

Money raised for amendment of Highways — Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the repairs and amendments of the Highways and town roads the present year and that the same be assessed and paid as formerly.

Allowance for Labor — Voted to allow a man per day working on the roads one dollar for a yoke of Oxen seventy five cents, for a cart forty cents, for a plow one dollar while improved on the ways

Neat Cattle restrained — Voted to restrain neat cattle horses and horse kind from going at large from the first of May next, to the fifteenth of November following

Swine restrained — Voted to restrain Swine from going at large from the fifteenth of April, to the fifteenth of November following

Voted to allow Amos Perleys bill of charge of five dollars and fifty cents for repairing or building a stone bridge.

Bills of Charge Allowed. — Voted to allow a bill of Charge presented by Stephen Peabody Esqr of five dollars for services as one of a Committee on the Ipswich road when the Courts Committee were on said way

Voted to allow Capt. Jacob Goulds bill of Charge of five dollars for services as above mentioned of Esqr. Peabodys.

Voted to adjourn the Meeting to Thursday the first day of May next at three Oclock afternoon

Adjournment — Thursday May 1st Meeting brought on agreeably to adjournment

Voted to excuse John Gould from serving as one of the School committee.

Chose Francis Curtis to fill his place.

Voted to dissolve the Meeting.

At a legal Town Meting held in Meeting House in the North Parish in Boxford on Monday the seventh day of April 1817. for the purpose of giving in their written votes for a Governor. Lt. Governor, and Senators. the following votes were given in, sorted Counted and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution viz

	Nos of votes	
His Excellency John Brooks --	110	For Governor
Maj. Gen. Henry Dearborn --	9	

Hon. William Phillips	110	For Lieut. Governor
Hon. William Eustis	9	

Hon. Dudley L. Pickman	110	For Senators and
Hon. Israel Bartlet	110	
Hon. Jeremiah Cheverus	109	
William B. Bannister Esqr.	110	
Everett Sallonstall Esqr.	110	
Hon. Thomas Pittridge	9	Counsellors.
Hon. Daniel Putnam	9	
David Cummings Esqr.	9	
Joshua Prentis Esqr.	9	
Capt. Israel Trask	9	

At a legal town meting held in the meeting house in the North Parish in Boxford on thursday the first day of May 1817 for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent said Town in the General Court appointed to be convened and held in Boston on the last Wednesday of May current. Votes were as follows.

	votes	
For. Israel Foster	53	For Representative —
Parker Spofford Esqr.	20	
Moses Dorman	12	

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr. Moderator —

Money voted

Voted to raise fourteen hundred dollars to defray the arissing and arisen Charges of the Town the current year —

Voted to accept the list of Jurors prepared and presented by the Selectmen of Boxford agreeable to an act of the Legislature now in force

The following are the names of the persons who are presented by the Selectmen

List of jurors

Israel Adams	Asa Foster	Amos Perley
Daniel Adams	Jacob Gould	Abraham Perley
Reuben Baird	John Gould	Artemas M. Perley
Samuel Carlton	John Kimball	Benjamin Peard
Samuel W. Clement	Samuel Kimball	Simeon Peard
Daniel Chapman	Amos Kimball Jr.	Stephen Spofford
John Day	Artemas Kimball	Parker Spofford
Timothy Dorman	Josiah Kimball	Samuel Spofford
Moses Dorman	Moody Kimball	Joseph Simmons
Israel Foster	Solomon Low	Joseph Smith
Jonathan Foster	Stephen Peabody	Ansell Stickney
	Charles Peabody	John Sawyer
	Aaron Perley	John Tyler Jr.
		Jeremiah Young

Submitted by the Selectmen of Boxford May 1st 1817

Moses Dorman
Amos Kimball Jr.
Amos Perley
Asa Foster 2d
Solomon Low

Selectmen of Boxford

Carried over

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to view the way and road prayed for by Lemuel Wood and others. —

Report.

Acceptance of report of Committee appointed to view way prayed for by L. Wood & others

The committee appointed to view the way as formerly laid out and accepted by the town from Andover line, to the east of Deac. John Day's and from thence, to consider the expediency of laying out a new road to Bradford line near little pond so called according to the petition of Lemuel Wood and others; have attended that service and ask leave to report; that they find the way shewed them as laid out forty or fifty years ago from Andover line east of Deac. John Days to be about 326 rods whereof there is only about 30 rods fenced out; that the new proposed way to Bradford line near little Pond is about 164 rods and will terminate without meeting any kind of road or way — after acknowledging the proposed liberality of Deac. Day and others towards opening the way over their lands with the convenience such an open way would be to a small part of the community the Committee upon mature consideration are of opinion, that under existing circumstances the benefits resulting from a compliance with the prayer of the petition could not be in any way equivalent to the very great expence which would arise thereby, and cannot recommend it advisable to take at present any further order thereon.

Report.

Boxford April 21st 1817 —

Submitted by

Moses Dorman
Amos Perley
John Kimball
} Committee

Voted to accept the report of the committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving ~~and~~ leasing and manageing the estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. and that the same be recorded. —

Report —

The committee appointed to take the care and direction of the Manner of improveing, leasing, and manageing the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. for and towards the support of a grammer school, ask leave to report. —

Jonathan Report.

That the whole amount of the principal being $2061,25 as formerly stated by your committee in preceding reports is now held and secured in the same manner, as described in a report of the 2d of May 1814 referance thereunto being had excepting as relates to the bond therein mentioned from Phineas Perley for the sum of $200 dollars, the same sum being now held by a bond from Jonathan Foster Esqr. secured by a Mortgage deed of about nine acres of land laying South of the publick road leading by his House. The annual interest on the whole sum amounting to $123,67 was duely received on the 17th day of April last, and on the same day paid over to the Treasurer for the purposes of the aforesaid device. — Boxford May 1st 1817.

Thomas Perley
Stephen Spofford
Israel Adams

Voted to dissolve the Meeting —

At a legal Town Meeting held in the meeting house of the second Parish in Boxford Friday December 26th 1817 — the following votes were passed —

Chose Parker Spofford Esqr Moderator. —

Voted to choose three agents to remonstrate ~~against~~ against manage and conduct the matter relating to the petition of Eliphalet Perley praying to be set off from the town of Boxford with his Polls and estate, and annexed with the same, to the town of Rowley. —

Chose Israel Foster
Parker Spofford Esqr.
and Aaron Perley; } Agents for the above purpose. —

Voted to pass over the third article in the warrant

Voted to dissolve the meeting. —

At a legal Town meeting held in the Meeting house of the First Parish in Boxford on Monday the 6th day of April 1818 for the purpose of giving in their written votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators. The following votes were given in, sorted, counted and declaration thereof made, as prescribed by the Constitution, viz.

	No. of Votes	
His Excellency John Brooks	106	For Governor.
Hon. Benjamin Crowningshield	13	
His Hon. William Phillips	105	For Lt. Governor.
Hon. Thomas Kittredge	13	
Hon. Israel Bartlett,	106	For Senators and Counsellors.
Hon. Dudley L. Pickman,	106	
Hon. Nehemiah Cleaveland,	106	
Hon. William B. Bannister,	105	
Hon. Leverett Saltonstall,	105	
Hon. Daniel Kilham	14	
Joshua Prentiss Jr. Esqr.	14	
Capt. Israel Trask	14	
Capt. Stephen White	14	
Stephen Barker Esqr.	14	

1810.

At a legal Town meeting, holden in the Meetinghouse of the First parish in Boxford on Monday, the 6th day of April 1810.

Chose Col. Solomon Low, Moderator.

Chose Moses Dorman, } Town Clerk.

Chose Moses Dorman,
Capt. Amos Kimball jun.
Capt Jacob Gould,
Simeon Pearl,
Capt. Abraham Perley } Selectmen and Assessors.

Chose Capt. Ariell Stickney } Treasurer.

Chose Ens. Samuel Perley jun.
John Merrill } Constables.

Voted to let out the collection of taxes, for the ensuing year to the lowest bidders, in two districts.

Premiums allowed for collection of taxes

The collection of taxes for the South collection district was struck off to Seth Burnam at 3 3/4 per cent.

The collection of taxes for the North collection district was struck off to Lieut. Kimball Cole at 3 1/2 per cent.

Chose Seth Burnam } Collector for the South District.
Lieut. Kimball Cole } Collector for the North District.

Chose Capt. Jacob Gould,
Benjamin Stafford,
Samuel Peabody jun.
Ens. Cornelius Gould,
Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody,
Thomas Stafford,
Reuben Baird,
John Tyler } Tything men.

Chose Oliver Peabody,
Moses Gould,
Joshua French,
John Sawyer,
Capt. Jeremiah Young,
Capt. Ariell Stickney,
Col. Solomon Low,
Phineas Perley,
Danl. Parker Stafford,
Thomas Stafford,
Capt. John Kimball,
William Rowe,
Daniel Harriman,
Moses Wilkins } Surveyors of Highways

Chose Capt. Amos Kimball jr.
Samuel W. Clement,
Aaron Perley,
Capt. Jeremiah Young. } Fence viewers

Chose En. Cornelius Gould,
Oliver Killam,
Nathan Dresser,
Benjamin Spofford,
Capt. Amos Kimball jr.
David Coburn,
Jonas Runnels,
En. Leonard Carleton,
Stephen Pike,
En. Enos Runnels,
John Ross. } Hogreeves.

Chose En. Cornelius Gould
Samuel Perley
Phineas Barnes
Samuel Spofford jr.
Capt. John Tyler jr. } Field drivers.

Chose Samuel Peabody
Moses Chadwick } Poundkeepers.

Chose Col. Solomon Low,
Capt. Joseph Symonds,
Samuel W. Clement,
Samuel Carleton. } Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose Doct. George W. Sawyer,
Asa Stiles,
Josiah Woodbury.
Oliver Wood,
Aaron Perley,
Samuel Spofford,
Capt. Amos Kimball jr.
Benjamin Pearl,
Deacon John Day. } School Committee.

Money raised for Schools. Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

Appropriated for Women Schools. Voted to appropriate one fourth part of the aforesaid sum for the support of women schools. —

Money raised for repairing High-ways. Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the repairs and amendment of the Highways and Town roads the present year, and that the same be assessed and paid as formerly.

Allowed for labour. Voted to allow a man, per day, working on the roads, one dollar; for a yoke of oxen, one dollar; for a cart forty cents, and for a plough, one dollar per day, while improved on said ways.

Voted.

Neat cattle &c. restrained. Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses and horse kine, from going at large, from the 10th day of April current, to the last of November next ensuing.

Swine restrained. Voted to restrain swine from going at large the current year.

Vote respecting private road by saw-mill to house of Nathan Dresser. Voted that the Selectmen, for the ensuing year, be a Committee to examine the record of a private way, laid out from Bradford road, so called, by a Saw mill &c. to the town road above the house of Nathan Dresser, and take such measures to cause said Way to be opened as formerly as may be thought proper.

Voted to give a bounty for killing crows, hawks or owls.

Bounty for killing pernicious birds. Voted, that those persons, who shall kill henhawks, crows or owls, shall be entitled to receive twenty cents per head provided they shall be killed within the limits of the town.

Vote respecting the way prayed for by Jeremiah Young and others. Voted to appoint a Committee, consisting of three persons, to view the way, prayed for, by Capt. Jeremiah Young and others, for a Town road, from the County road, opposite Emery's Gate (so called) over land of Abner Wood to the Meeting house of the First Parish in Boxford - and make report to the town at the adjournment of the meeting.

Chose Capt Jacob Gould, Capt. Abraham Perley, Aaron Perley. } Committee for the above purpose.

Votes for County Treasurer. Nathaniel Wade Esqr. 99 votes

Meeting adjourned. Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the 11th day of May next, to four o'clock in the afternoon.

May 11th, 1818. The Inhabitants of the town convened and proceeded as follows -

Chose Thomas Spofford a School Committee man in the place of Samuel Spofford.

Chose William Tyler, a School Committee man in the place of Capt. Amos Kimball.

Voted to excuse Aaron Perley from serving as a Fence viewer.

Chose Amos Perley Fence viewer.

Bills of charge allowed. Voted to allow the bill of charge of fourteen dollars, presented by Capt. Ancill Stickney, for services as Treasurer two years, namely 1816 and 1817.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of three dollars and fifty cents presented by Capt. Joseph Symonds, for 28 feet of timber for a string piece to repair a bridge on the highway.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed on the way prayed for by Capt. Jeremiah Young and others.

Report

Report.

Report of Committee on the petition for a road from Meetinghouse to Emerys Gate.

The Committee appointed by the town to view a road prayed for by Jeremiah Young and others, from Emery's Gate, so called, to the Meetinghouse, have attended that service, and ask leave to Report that, in the opinion of your Committee, it will be advisable to appoint a committee to confer with Mr. Abner Wood, to see on what conditions the land for a road can be obtained — and your Committee are likewise of opinion, that it would be advisable for the town to buy all the land on the northwardly side of where the road will be laid out, all which is submitted by

Jacob Gould
Abraham Perley
Aaron Perley

Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons to apply to Abner Wood, and know on what terms the land necessary for a road, can be obtained.

Chose Stephen Peabody Esqr.
Col. Solomon Low,
Phineas Foster
} Committee for the above purpose.

At a legal town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the First parish in Boxford on Monday, the 11th day of May 1814 for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent said Town in the General Court appointed to be convened and held on the last Wednesday of May current.

It was put to vote, to see if the town would send a Representative to the General Court the present year, and it passed in the negative.

money raised for defraying town charges.

Voted to raise fourteen hundred dollars to defray the charges of the town the current year.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, leasing and mannageing the Estate devised to the town by Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. and that the same be recorded.

Report.

Report of Commtee on donation

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, mannageing and leasing the estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. for, and towards the support of a Grammar-school; ask leave to report, that on the 17th day of April last past, they duly received, and paid over to the Treasurer of the town of Boxford, the sum of $123.67. being one years interest.

interest on $ 2061.25 the total amount of all the sums as formerly stated, under their care: all of which is now held and secured by bonds as follows, viz.

$423.50 From Col. Solomon Low; sureties, Moody Kimball & Enoch Kimball.
200.00 From Capt. Abraham Perley; sureties, Seth Burnam, Oliver Wood.
200.00 From Moses Spofford; sureties, Benj.a Spofford, Abel Spofford
100.00 From Thomas Foster; sureties, John Perley, Moses Perley
200.00 From Daniel Hariman; sureties, Capt. John Kimball, Jeremiah Hariman Jun.r
100.00 From Joel Peabody; sureties, Nathan Andrews, Samuel Peabody.
70.00 From Daniel Adams; sureties, Samuel Wood, Jonathan Foster Esq.r
61.00 From Nathaniel Nelson; sureties, Nathan Phillips.
207.25 From Isaac Barker; secured by a Mortgage deed } As stated the
200.00 From Jonathan Foster Esq.r secured by a Mortgage deed } last year
100.00 From Andrew Horner; secured by a Mortgage deed of seven & half acres of land.
119.50 From Solomon Wood, secured by a Mortgage deed of three acres of land.

$ 2061.25

Boxford May 11th, 1810.

Thomas Perley
Stephen Spofford
Israel Adams.

Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons to attend to, and oppose the alterations on the road, prayed for by Capt. Eliphalet Chaplin and others, so far as the said Road lies in Boxford.
Chose Stephen Peabody Esq.r
Capt. Jacob Gould } Committee for the above purpose.
Col. Solomon Low }

Voted that Israel Foster, Parker Spofford Esq.r and Aaron Perley be a Committee, reappointed to attend to the petition of Eliphalet Perley, praying to be set off from Boxford, and annexed to the Town of Rowley.

Voted that Lieut. Kimball Cole, have liberty to work out one half of his highway tax, the present year, on his ways to the publick road.

1810.

At a legal town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford the 10th day of September, 1810.

Chose Parker Stafford Esq.r Moderator.

Voted to appoint a Committee, to meet the Committee from the Court of Sessions, to view the way prayed for, for a publick road by Deacon John Day and others.

Voted that the Selectmen, for the present year, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Bills of charge allowed.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of three dollars, presented by Abner Barnum, for surveying land on the farm of Elisabeth Perley, under the direction of a Committee of the Town.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of nine dollars, presented by Joseph Perley, for services as one of a Committee in behalf of the town, on the petition of Elisabeth Perley.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of twenty dollars and seventy cents, presented by Parker Stafford Esq.r for services as one of a Committee in behalf of the town, on the petition of Elisabeth Perley, praying to be set off from Boxford and annexed to Rowley.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in said Town, on the 2nd day of November 1810. being the first Monday of said month, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States, to represent Essex North district - the votes being sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as the law directs, were as follows, viz.

For Hon. Jeremiah Nelson, twenty two votes

Hon. John Varnum, four votes.

Chose Thomas Perley Esq.r Moderator.

Voted that the First school-district draw their proportion of school money for the winter school for 1809. which was not expended in said year.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to ascertain the quantity of land of Abner Wood Esq.r which will fall in, and westerly of the most suitable way for a road from the Meeting house of the first parish in Boxford to the County road near Emery's Gate, so called, and to ascertain the number of rods of fence necessary

to be made on the easterly side of the contemplated road, together with what said westerly land may be sold for — and if thought proper, to apply to Mr. Wood, and learn the lowest terms on which he will dispose of the land westerly of said contemplated road, and to learn what the petitioners for a road will contribute toward the same, and report to the town at some future town-meeting.

Bills of charge allowed — Voted to allow the bill of charge of eleven dollars and thirty cents, presented by Israel Foster for services on a Committee in behalf of the town, on the petition of Eliphalet Perley, praying to be set off from Boxford, and annexed to Rowley.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of three dollars and fifty cents, presented by Stephen Peabody Esqr. as one of a Committee to oppose the alterations on the road in Boxford, prayed for by Eliphalet Chaplin and others.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of three dollars and fifty cents, presented by Moses Dorman for taking a plan of the Haverhill road.

1819

At a legal Town-meeting held in the Meeting-house of the second Parish in Boxford on Monday the 5th day of April 1819 for the purpose of giving in their written votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators. The following votes were given in, sorted, counted and a declaration made thereof, as prescribed by the Constitution, viz.

	No. of Votes	
His Excellency John Brooks	130	For Governor
Hon Benjamin W. Crowninshield	10	

	No. of Votes	
His Honor William Phillips	130	For Lt. Governor
Hon. Benjamin Austin	10	

Hon. Israel Bartlett	128	For Senators and Counsellors
Hon. Leverett Saltonstall	128	
Hon. William B. Banister	128	
Ralph H. French Esqr.	127	
Samuel Adams Esqr.	112	
Hon. Daniel Kilham	10	
Moses Little Esqr.	10	
John Kneeland Esqr.	10	
Joshua Prentis Esqr.	10	
Israel Trask Esqr.	10	

At a legal Town meeting held in the Meeting house of the second Parish in Boxford on Monday the 5th day of April 1819

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator.
Chose John Tyler 3d Town Clerk

Chose Moses Jerman
Capt. Moses Kimball jun.r
Capt. Jacob Gould
Simeon Pearl and
Capt. Abraham Perley
} Selectmen and Assessors

Chose Capt. Isaiah Hickney Treasurer.

Chose Ens. Samuel Perley jun.r
and John Merrill
} Constables

Chose Dea. Parker Spofford
Daniel Chaloner
Samuel Clement
Dea. John Day
} Tythingmen

Chose Deal George H. Sawyer
Capt. Joseph Symonds
Samuel Peabody
Asa Foster
Moody Foster
Benjamin Dodge
Jesse Perley
Aaron Perley
Stephen Spofford
Israel Adams
Enoch Kimball
Daniel Adams
Reuben Bare
Enos Reynolds
} Surveyors of Highways

Chose Stephen Peabody Esqr
Amos Perley
Benjamin Spofford
John Gould
Isaac Barker
Israel Adams
} Fence viewers

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Chose Cornelius Goule
Henry Perley
Isaac Barker
Micajah Kimball } Field drivers

Chose Gideon Bixby
Moses Chadwick } Pound keepers

Chose Capt Joseph Symonds
Col. Solomon Low
Samuel W. Clement
Samuel Carleton } Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Oliver Hilliam
Josiah Kimball
Woody Foster
Dea. Parker Spofford
Col. Solomon Low
Jonathan Foster Esqr.
Thomas Spofford
Josiah Bacon
Benjamin Kimball } School Committee

Chose Asa Foster
Charles Bixby
Samuel Peabody
William Ross
John Merrill
Benjamin Kimball } Hogreeves

Voted to let out the Collection of Taxes for the ensueing year to the lowest bidders, in two Districts.

The collection of taxes for the South collection district was struck off to Lieut. George W. Sawyer at 4½ per cent.

The collection of taxes for the North collection district was struck off to Isaac Barker at 4½ per cent.

Chose George W. Sawyer } Collector for the South district
Isaac Barker } Collector for the North district

Money raised for Schools

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the support of Schools the ensueing year.

for more schools

Voted to defer the appropriation of a certain part of the aforesaid sum, to the adjournment of this Meeting.

Money raised for repairing Highways

Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the repairs and amendment of the highways and town roads the present year, and that the same be assessed and paid as formerly.

Allowance for Labor

Voted to allow a man per day working on the road, one dollar; a yoke of oxen one dollar; a cart 40 forty cents, and a plough one dollar per day while improved on said ways

Neat cattle &c. restrained

Voted to restrain neat cattle horses and horse kind from going at large the pesent year from the 10th day day of April to current to the last of November next ensuing

Swine restrained

Voted to restrain swine from going at large the current year.

Votes for County Treasurer

Nathaniel Wade Esqr. had 49 votes for a County Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the first monday in May next to two o'clock in the afternoon

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Meeting resumed

May 3d 1819 Agreeably to adjournment the Inhabitants of the Town convened and proceeded as follows viz,

Appropriation of Money for Women's Schools

It was put to vote to see if Town would appropriate more than one fourth part of the money raised for the support of schools, the present, year, for the support of women's schools, and it passed in the negative.

Voted to appropriate one fourth part of the school money, the ensuing year, for the support of women's schools.

Duties of School committee

Voted that the school committee of the several districts meet and make their united exertions for the improvement of the youth, and likewise attend at the examinations of the several schools.

Voted to excuse Isaac Barker from serving as a collector of taxes the ensuing year for the North collection district

Chose John Merrill to fill his place as Collector

Bills of charge allowed

Voted to allow a bill of charge of one dollar and fifty cents presented by Col. Solomon Low as one of a committee in behalf of the Town to meet the reviewing committee ~~oppose the alterations~~ on the road in Boxford, prayed for by Elizabet Chaplain and others— And also a bill of charge of one dollar for assisting in measuring the road from the oak tree near the house of the heirs of Capt. Jonathan Wood to Capt. Daniel Kimball's in Bradford.

Voted to allow a bill of charge of three dollars presented by John Merrill one of the Constables of Boxford for notifying and warning the inhabitants of said Town to assemble on the 26th day of December 1817 - For notifying town officers, chosen on the first Monday in April 1818, of their choice &c. For warning and notifying the inhabitants as aforesaid to assemble on the 11th day of May 1818 - and on the 2d day of Nov. 1818

1819

Voted that the Surveyor of High ways for the year ensuing in the district where William Ross was, for the last year, shall give credit to each person named on his List, for one sums as they may be intitled to receive for any labor which they performed on the ways last year under the direction of William Ross, after they had satisfied the demands of the list committed to the said Ross—

Sealer of Weights and Measures

In compliance with an act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "an act for the due regulation of Weights and Measures" we the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Boxford have appointed, and do hereby appoint Capt Abraham Perley, to be a Sealer of Weights and Measures within said town for the year ensueing.

Witness our hands at Boxford this 22 day of April 1819

Amos Kimball Jr
Jacob Goule
Simeon Pearl
} Selectmen of Boxford

Meeting dissolved

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

At a legal Town-meeting held in the Meeting house in the North Parish in Boxford on Monday the 3d day of May 1819 for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent said Town in the General Court appointed to be convened and held in Boston on the last Wednesday of May current—

Votes were as follows viz:

	Votes	
Moses Dorman	45	For Representative
Israel Foster	16	

Chose Col Solomon Lowe Moderator

Money raised for defraying Town Charges

Voted to raise fourteen hundred dollars to defray the charges of said Town the current year

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improveing, leasing and mannaging the Estate devised to the Town by the Hon Aaron Wood Esq and that the same be recorded

Report

Report of Committee on Donation

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, leasing and managing the Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Baron Wood Esq. for, and towards the support of a Grammar school; ask leave to report, that on the 17th day of April last past, they duly received and paid over to the Treasurer of the town of Boxford $123,67, being one years Interest on $2061,25 the total amount of all the sums as formerly stated, under their care.

The Principle stands secured as was stated in the report of your Committee of the last year 1818; excepting one hundred twenty three dollars and fifty cents, Principle paid by Col. Solomon Low; the same sum, together with two hundred dollars due on a bond from Capt. Abraham Perley, making three hundred twenty three dollars & fifty cents; being now held by a bond from Capt. Abraham Perley, secured by a Mortgage Deed of twenty five or thirty acres of land by estimation; North of the School house

Boxford May 3d 1819

Thomas Perley
Stephen Spofford
Israel Adams
} Committee

Voted to pass over the fifth article in the warrant, which related to a premium for killing Crows, Hawks and Owls, and likewise Foxes.

Highway Taxes abated

Voted to abate the Highway taxes set to Daniel Adams and Daniel Hardy of Topsham for 1816, committed to Surveyor Samuel W Clement and returned unsatisfied.

Voted to abate the Highway tax set to Samuel Wood, and committed to Deac. Josiah Bacon for the year 1815, which was returned unsatisfied.

It was put to vote to see if the town would abate the taxes set to Moses Wilkins, as Guardian for Widow Deborah Purrill, for the years 1817 and 1818, and it passed in the negative

Voted to dissolve this Meeting

1820

At a legal Town-meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford on Monday the 3 day of April 1820.

Chose Parker Spofford Esqr Moderator.

Chose Moses Dorman } Town Clerk.

Chose Moses Dorman
Capt. Amos Kimball Junr
Capt. Jacob Gould,
Simeon Pearl,
Capt. Abraham Perley } Selectmen and Assessors.

Chose Capt. Ancill Stickney } Treasurer.

Chose En. Samuel Perley Junr
John Merrill } Constables.

Voted to let out the collection of taxes, for the ensuing year to the lowest bidders in two districts.

The collection of taxes for the South collection district was struck off to Doctor George W. Sawyer at 4½ per cent.

The collection of taxes for the North collection district was struck off to John Merrill at 4½ per cent.

Chose George W. Sawyer } Collector for the South district
John Merrill } Collector for the North district.

Voted to choose the following officers by nomination

Chose Josiah Woodbury,
John Gould,
Daniel Adams,
Deacn John Day } Tything men.

Chose Francis Curtice,
Moses Gould,
Timothy Dorman,
John Sawyer,
Samuel Peabody Junr
En. Daniel Gould,
Henry Perley Junr
Artemas W. Perley,
Samuel Perley,
En. Aaron Spofford,
Jeremiah Foster,
Thomas S. Hovey,
John Merrill,
Benjamin Peabody } Surveyors of Highways.

Chose Stephen Peabody Esqr
En. Samuel Perley Junr
Capt Amos Kimball Jr
Samuel W. Clement } Fence-viewers.

Chose

Chose Jesse Perley,
Simeon Stiles,
Samuel Spofford,
Micaiah Kimball,
John Gould,
Daniel Adams } Field-drivers

Chose David Bixby,
Moses Chadwick } Pound keepers.

Chose Col. Solomon Low,
Capt. Joseph Symonds,
Samuel W. Clement,
Samuel Carleton } Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose Nathan Andrews,
Samuel Peabody Jr.
John Sawyer,
Capt. Ancill Stickney,
Aaron Perley,
Capt. John Kimball,
En. Aaron Spofford
Daniel Mitchel
En. Samuel Kimball } School-Committee.

Chose Jesse Perley,
Capt. Charles Peabody,
Samuel Perley,
Daniel Adams,
Capt. Amos Kimball Jr.
William Tyler. } Hogreeves.

Money raised for Schools — Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing year

Appropriated for Women Schools. — Voted to appropriate one fourth part of the above sum for the support of Women-schools.

Money raised for the repairs of Highways — Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the repairs and amendment of the Highways and Town roads the present year, and that the same be assessed and paid as formerly.

Allowed for labour. — Voted to allow a man, per day, working on the roads, one dollar; for a yoke of Oxen, one dollar — for a cart, forty cents, and for a plough, one dollar per day while improved on said ways.

Restriction on neat cattle &c. — Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses and horse kind from going at large from the first of April, to the last of November following.

Swine restrained — Voted to restrain swine from going at large from the first of April to the last of November following.

Voted

Committee to meet Jury on petition of Thomas Perley Esqr and others.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee in behalf of the Towne, to meet the Jury summoned on the petitione of Thomas Perley Esqr and others, praying for additional damages on the road petitioned for by Capt. Ebiphalet Chaplin and others.

Committee appointed to meet the viewing Committee on petition of John Sawyer and others

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee on the part of the Towne, to meet the Committee from the Court of Sessions appointed to view the way prayed for by John Sawyer and others from the Meting house to Emery's gate (so called.

Votes for County Treasurer.

Nathaniel Wade Esqr 96 votes for County Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the first day of May next, to two O'clock after-noon.

At a legal Town-meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the First parish in Boxford on Monday, the 3d day of April 1820 for the purpose of giving in their written votes for a Governor, Lieut. Governor and Senators. The following votes were given in, sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as prescribed by the Constitution, viz.

	Votes	
His Excellency John Brooks	104	For Governor.
Hon. William Bentley	14	
Hon. William Phillips	104	For Lt. Governor.
Hon. Benjamin Austin	14	
Hon. Israel Bartlett	104	For Senators and Counsellors.
Hon. Dudley L. Pickman	103	
Robert Rantol Esqr.	103	
Ebenezer Mosley Esqr.	101	
Hobart Clark Esqr.	101	
Hon. Daniel Hilliard	12	
John Knechland Esqr	12	
Moses Little Esqr.	12	
David Cummings Esqr	14	
Doctor Joseph Hutteredge	14	
Willard Peele	2	

...eting resumed May 1st 1820. The Inhabitants of the town met agreeably to adjournment and proceeded as follows.

...port accepted respecting alteration of Road by ...use of William Rea

Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen respecting the alteration of the Town road near the dwelling house of William Rea as reported in the meeting.

Report.

Report of alteration on Road.

We the subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Boxford, on the petition of John Foster and others, praying that the Town road, from the house of Capt. Solomon Towne, near his Factory, easterly to the County road below the house of William Rea may be widened, so as to render said Road convenient for the accommodation of passengers; whereupon the said Selectmen met on the 3d day of December last, viewed the premises and found the said Road (as fenced) to be on an average, but little more than one rod in width, and being of the opinion that a small addition to the width of the road was necessary, they therefore staked out said way as follows - beginning at a stake, northerly of the house of Capt. Solomon Towne aforesaid, thence running easterly sixteen rods to a stake by the road - the above line makes a small curve to the southward. - On the northerly side of the road, from a stake at the corner, in front of the south-easterly corner of the house of William Rea, thence easterly about seven rods to a stake by the County road leading to Andover.

The widening above stated, throws about sixteen square poles of land into the road, which land is the property of the heirs of Nathaniel Long

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Moses Dorman
Amos Kimball Jr
Jacob Gould
Simeon Pearl
Abraham Perley

...th article in Warrant passed over.

Voted to pass over the tenth article in the warrant, which was to see if the town would cause the roads within the same to be opened to the width which they were laid out.

Voted to excuse Capt. Ancill Stickney from serving on the School Committee.

Chose Doctor William Peabody School Committee-man.

Voted to excuse Aaron Perley from serving on the School Committee.

Chose Artemas W. Perley to supply the place of A. Perley

...ills of charge of Israel Adams allowed

Voted to allow Israel Adams ten dollars for his services as one of the Committee to take the care and management of the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr for ten years prior to the 17th of April last.

Voted

Bills of charge or donation allowed

Voted to allow the bill of charge presented by Thomas Perley Esqr. of five dollars for his services as one of the Committee for taking the care and management of Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr for five years ending the 17th of April last.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of five dollars, presented by Stephen Trafford, for services as one of the Committee for taking the care and management of the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. — five years ending the 17th of April last.

Bill of Jeremiah Young allowed.

Voted to allow the bill of charge presented by Capt. Jeremiah Young, viz to two and a half days labor in trimming trees and clearing the road — $2.50

To 25 feet of 2 inch plank to repair the bridge near the house of John Foster — 0.75

To labour on said Bridge — 0.25

3.50

At a legal town-meeting, held in the Meeting house of the first Parish in Boxford the 1st day of May 1820, for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent said Town in the General Court appointed to be convened and held in Boston on the last Wednesday of May current. The votes given in, being sorted and counted were as follows, viz.

Moses Dorman — 41 Votes } For Representative.
Stephen Peabody Esqr. — 1 }

Chose Thomas Perley Esqr Moderator.

Money raised to defray town charges.

Voted to raise fourteen hundred dollars to defray the charges of the town the current year.

Acceptance of Report.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of managing, leasing and improving the Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. — which Report and Address are as follows

Report and Donation

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, leasing and managing the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. for and towards the support of a Grammar School — Ask leave to Report — That on the 17th day of April instant, they duly received and paid over to the Treasurer of the town of Boxford the sum of $106.44 being a part of one years interest on $2061.25 being the total amount of all sums committed to their care; except seventeen dollars and twenty three cents unpaid by Mr. Isaac Barker; the principal being held and secured by bonds as follows, viz.

viz.

Bonds.
$ 300.00 From Col. Solomon Lee. Sureties, Moody Kimball and Enoch Kimball.
200.00 From Moses Pafford. Sureties, Benjamin Pafford and Theb. Pafford.
100.00 From Thomas Foster. Sureties, John Perley and Moses Perley.
100.00 From Nathaniel Dorman. Sureties, Moses Dorman & Timothy Dorman.
200.00 From Daniel Harriman. Sureties, Capt. John Kimball & Jeremiah Harriman.
70.00 From Daniel Adams Esq. Sureties, Jonathan Foster Esq. & Samuel Wood.
61.00 From Nathaniel Wilson. Sureties, Nathan Phillips & Asa Pingree.
207.25 From Isaac Parker secured by a mortgage deed of 9 acres of land.
200.00 From Jonathan Foster Esq. secured by a mortgage deed of 9 acres of land.
100.00 From Andrew Horner, secured by a mortgage deed of 7½ acres of land.
323.50 From Capt. Ebenezer Perley, secured by a mortgage deed of 25 acres of land.
119.50 From Solomon Wood, secured by a mortgage deed of three acres of land.
2061.25 total.

Address of Committee on Donation

Whereas the greater part of the Inhabitants of the town, concerned and acting at the reception of this estate, and of putting into execution the regulations then adopted for the management thereof, have since been removed by death, and another set of men have succeeded in their places — for their information, more especially, the Committee think it not improper, to mention the early doings of the town, with an abstract of the proceedings of the several Committees ever since the fund came to their care and management, conformable to their reports on records.

When the real estate, devised by the aforesaid Donor, came to the possession of the town, it was thought that nothing equivalent to a vote would render it more useful than it could be in any other way; and conformable to the advice of the most able counsellors of that day, it was in several parcels, by publick auction, leased for the term of one thousand years, thereby, producing the sum of $ 2061.25 forming the principal of the fund; and ordered to be let on interest, giving a yearly income of $ 123.67. and this sum has annually (with a very few exceptions) been received by the Committee, and without any deduction, paid over to the Treasurer, on the day it became due.

This being the twenty eighth annual report, it will be found, that the whole sum so received and paid over, has been $ 3462.76. During this process, various parts of the fund, as at first laid, has been funded in and re-loaned, and many transfers of the principal, for the accommodation of the debtors, have at all times been attended to and made as far as the security of the fund would admit.

These transactions have required much attentive deliberation, and in some cases, reluctant

deference.

interferences have been found absolutely necessary; and thus far it will be seen, that the estate has been so improved, that there has not been any loss of principal or interest.

That all matters, relating to the care and management of the estate may be known, it becomes necessary to mention the cost the town have sustained; by way of compensation to the mannagers; in this view, it may be found, that the several Committees, conformable to the munificence of former times, have been satisfied with a nominal consideration, and have never proposed to the town, an allowance of more than one dollar to each of them for all their annual services, in taking care of the principal, collecting and paying over the interest; if this allowance is continued to the present time, the whole cost for twenty eight years, past will be $84. which without any regard to the care of the principal, is rather less than two and a half per cent on the sums actually collected and paid over.

The income already obtained from this fund, may be considered a small matter, when compared with what may accrue in future, provided the integrity of the fund can be maintained: in this view, it may be well to consider that an estate held in this manner is constantly liable to diminution and loss, and may be subject to more danger from unforeseen events than is commonly apprehended: from the experience of past occurrences, the Committee feel impelled, most respectfully to remind the Inhabitants united wisdom of the town, with the unceasing care and vigilance of the mannagers for the time being will ever be necessary to maintain the fund inviolate to the present and future generations.

Boxford April 25th, 1820.

Thomas Perley,
Stephen Spofford,
Israel Adams.

Vote relating to land of Abner Wood Esqr.

Voted that a Committee of three persons be appointed to confer with Abner Wood Esqr. and ascertain the lowest sum which his land in Boxford, may be purchased for, and that such Committee be impowered to purchase said land, if they shall judge it most advantageous to the town.

Committee appointed thereon and empowered.

Voted to add one person more to the Committee.

Chose Moses Dorman, Capt. Amos Kimball Jr. Capt. Jacob Gould and Capt. Charles Peabody a Committee for the above purpose.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for such sum as may be necessary to pay for the said land if obtained, and that the Treasurer be requested to furnish such sum of money as soon as may be after requested.

At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first Parish in Boxford the 2d day of August 1820 for the purpose of giving in their votes by ballot on this question — Is it expedient that Delegates should be chosen to meet in convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth. The votes were as follows.

Yeas, twenty nine.
Nays, nineteen.

Chose Capt. Charles Peabody, Moderator.

Voted to accept the list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

The following is a list of the names of those persons who were selected and approved by the Town as suitable persons to serve as Jurors, viz.

List of Jurors

Phineas Barnes
Seth Burnham
Samuel W. Clement
Moses Dorman
John Dorr
Timothy Dorrance
Israel Foster
Jonathan Foster
Jacob Gould
John Gould
Samuel Kimball
Amos Kimball jr.
Josiah Kimball
John Kimball
Solomon Low
Stephen Peabody
Charles Peabody
Aaron Perley
Amos Perley
Abraham Perley
Samuel Perley jr.
Benjamin Pearl
Simeon Pearl
Artemas W. Perley
Samuel Spofford
Frederick Spofford
Joseph Symonds
Joseph Smith
Ansell Stickney
John Sawyer
Aaron Spofford
John Tyler 2d

Vote relating to the Real estate in Concord, N. H. occupied by heirs of Asa Hardy

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized and impowered to dispose of, and give conveyance, or conveyances of the Real estate in Concord N. Hampshire, lately occupied by Asa Hardy, if in their judgement it shall be for the interest of the Town.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

In compliance with an Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "an act for the due regulation of Weights and Measures" we the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Boxford, have appointed, and do hereby appoint, Moses Chadwick, to be a Sealer of weights and measures within said Town for the ensuing year.

Witness our hands at Boxford this 7th day of April 1820.

Moses Dorman
Amos Kimball jr.
Simeon Pearl
Abraham Perley
Selectmen of Boxford

At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first Parish in Wexford, on Monday the 16th day of October 18.
Chose Lieut Josiah Kimball Clerk pro tempore
The Town proceeded to the choice of a Delegate, to meet delegates from other towns in convention at the State House in Boston on the third Wednesday of November next, to take into consideration the propriety and expediency of making alterations or amendments in the present constitution of government of the Commonwealth which they shall judge to be necessary
The votes for a Delegate, being sorted, counted and declaration thereof made were as follows, viz.

For Thomas Perley Esqr. - twenty five votes
Jonathan Fowler Esqr sixteen votes.

Josiah Kimball, Clerk pro tempore.

At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first Parish in Wexford the 6th day of November, being the first Monday of said Month. A.D. 1820. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the Congress of the United States for the Essex North district — also, for one Elector President and Vice President of the United States, and for the two remaining Electors to be chosen by the people at large.
The votes being sorted, counted and declaration thereof made, were as follows, to wit.

For Hon. Jeremiah Nelson Esqr. 25 votes } For Representative
Hon. John Varnum Esqr. 2 } to Congress.

Hon. John Heard Esqr. 20 votes. For elector of President and Vice President.

Hon. William Phillips Esqr. 20 } For the two Electors
Hon. William Gray Esqr. 20 } at large.

1821. At a legal town meeting held in the Meeting house of the second Parish in Boxford Monday April 2d. 1821.

Chose Jonathan Foster Esqr. Moderator
Chose Amos Kimball Jr. Town Clerk.

Chose Moses Dorman Esqr.
Seth Burnam
Capt. Charles Peabody
Simeon Pearl
} Selectmen and Assessors.

Voted to defer the further choice of town officers for the present.

Voted to appoint a committee of three persons to meet a committee from the town of Rowley, to settle that part of the line in dispute between the two towns extending from the three Sisters (so called) to a stump and stones about it near elders rainer meadow (so called)

Chose Moses Dorman Esqr
Thomas Perley Esqr
Stephen Peabody Esqr
} Committee.

Voted to Choose a committee of three persons to appear at the Court of Sessions to be holden at Ipswich during the present month; to oppose the road prayed for by Samuel Ayre and others; passing through a section of the town of Boxford.

Chose Jonathan Foster Esqr
Moses Dorman Esqr
and Amos Kimball Jr.
} Committee for the above purpose

Nathaniel Wade Esqr had 55 votes for County Treasurer
Moses Dorman Esqr. had 4 votes for County Treasurer
Amos Choat Esqr had 1 vote for County Treas

Moses Dorman Esqr had 28 votes
Amos Choat Esqr. had 10 votes
Nathaniel Wade Esqr. had 1 vote
} For County Register.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday the 9th day of April present, at 9 O'clock in the Morning.

At a legal town meeting held in the Meeting house of the second Parish in Boxford on Monday the second day of April 1821, for the purpose of giving in their written votes for Governor, Lt. Governor and Senators. The following votes were given in, sorted, counted and declaration thereof made, as prescribed by the Constitution (viz)

	votes	
His Excellency John Brooks	91	For Governor
Hon. William Eustis	6	
Hon. William Phillips	91	For Lt. Governor
Hon. Levi Lincoln	6	
Hon. Israel Bartlet	91	For Senators and Counsellors.
Hon. Ebenezer Mosely	95	
Hon. Robert Rantoul	91	
Hon. Hobart Clark	90	
John G. King Esqr.	94	
Hon. Nathaniel Silsbee	4	
Willard Peele Esqr.	4	
William W. Parrot Esqr.	4	

Monday April 9th Meeting for the choice of remaining town officers &c. brought on agreeable to adjournment.

Chose Phineas Barns } Selectman and Assessor.
Chose Capt. Ancill Stickney } Treasurer

Chose Ens. Samuel Perley, John Merrill } Constables

Voted to let out the collection of taxes the present year in two districts, to the lowest bidder.

The collection of taxes for the South collection district was struck off to Benjamin Spofford at 4¾ pr. cent
The collection of taxes for the North collection district was struck off to Amos Kimball Jr. at 4½ per cent.—

Chose Benjamin Spofford } Collector for South district
Amos Kimball Jr. } Collector for North district

Voted to choose the following ~~offi~~ officers by nomination

Chose Benjamin Spofford
Phineas Barnes
Capt. John Bacon
Capt. Simeon Cole } Sythingmen

Chase Capt. Jacob Gould
Capt Joseph Symmes
Samuel Andrews
Oliver Killam
Samuel Parley Jr
Nathan Dresser
Gen. Solomon Low
Phineas Barnes
Elisphalet Parley
Lt. Leonard Carleton
John Tyler
Capt. Simeon Cole
Seth Burnam
George Pearl
} Surveyors of Highways

Chase John Gould
Capt. Jeremiah Young
Amos Kimball Jr.
Samuel W. Clement
} Fence viewers

Chase Benjamin Shefford
Doct. George W. Sawyer
Simeon Stiles
Isaac Barker
Frederick Runnels
Elisphalet Runnels
} Fire-ward drivers

Chase David Bixby
Moses Chadwick
} Pound keepers

Chase Asa Chester
Gen. Solomon Low
Samuel W. Clement
Samuel Carleton
} Surveyors of Lumber

Chase Phineas Chester
Oliver Killam
Josiah Woodbury
Stephen Peabody Esqr
Benjamin Shefford
Jonathan Chester Esqr
Amos Kimball Jr
Thomas L. Hovey
John Parker
} School Committee

Chase Samuel Killam
Capt. Jeremiah Young
Nathaniel Long
Daniel Wood
Simeon Pearl
Benjamin Pearl
} Hog reeves

Voted

Money raised for Schools
Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the support of schools the ensueing year—

Appropriated
Voted to appropriate one fourth part thereof to the support of Women Schools—

Money raised for repairs of Highways
Voted to raise one thousand dollars for repairs and amendments of the highways and town roads the present year and that the same be assessed and paid as formerly.

Allowance for laborer
Voted to allow a man per day working on the road one dollar, for a yoke of Oxen one dollar, for a Cart forty cents, and for a Plow one dollar per day while improved on said ways.

Cattle & Hogs restrained
Voted to restrain neat cattle horses, and horse kind from going at large from the first of April to the last ~~first~~ of November following

Voted to restrain Swine from going at large from the first of April to the last of November following

Guardian Moses Wilkins affair
Voted to refer to the Selectmen for the time being the case relateing to the taxes set to Moses Wilkins as Guardian of Wid. Deborah Averill with directions to ascertain whether sd. Wilkins has not more Money in his hands as guardian than has heretofore been taxed.

Voted to pass over the eleventh article in Warrant which was, to see if the town would adopt any mode different from their present relative to supporting the Poor.

Bills of Charge allowed
Voted to allow a bill of charge presented by Samuel Peabody, as follows (viz) to a string piece for the bridge near J. Fosters 100
to forty nine feet of plank — — — .98
$1.98

Voted to allow a bill of charge presented by Wm. Ross Surveyor of Highways for the year 1818. viz. to repairing the hills on the County road near Samuel Kimballs, rendered dangerous by rains, after having the highway tax to be worked out and satisfied. — — $19.73

Voted to allow a bill of charge presented by Moses Gould to wit, to 33 feet W.O. timber at 5 dolls. pr. ton — 4.12
to five hundred and sixty eight feet of 2½ inch pine plank at 22 dolls. pr. thousand — 12.49
16.61

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the May meeting, at one O clock afternoon—

At a legal meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Wareham, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives, holden at the meeting house of the second Parish in said town, holden on the second Monday of April, being the ninth day of said Month, A.D. 1821 pursuant to a resolution of the convention of delegates assembled at Boston on the 15th of November 1820 for the purpose of revising the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The votes on the several articles of amendment submitted by the Convention were as follows viz:

		Yeas	Nays
Article	1st.	18	80
Article	2d	8	93
Article	3d	46	45
Article	4th	26	59
Article	5th	7	87
Article	6th	46	48
Article	7th	37	58
Article	8th	78	17
Article	9th	37	53
Article	10th	26	68
Article	11th	36	56
Article	12th	11	80
Article	13th	46	46
Article	14th	3	91

Monday May 14th 1821. Annual town meeting brought on according to adjournment.

Voted to allow a bill of Charge presented by Samuel W. Clemment for making a Chest for to keep the books belonging to the Town Clerk in, of three dollars and twenty five cents & that said chest go with the Town Clerk

Voted to allow a bill of charge presented by John Sawyer

March 20th 1821. Viz, to five hundred and ninety five feet of plank at twenty two dollars per thousand — $13.-9

to cover a bridge near Mr. Stiles House, and another near Mr. Hasters Mill. — —

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

At a legal town meeting held in the second parish meeting meeting house in said town, on Monday the 14th day of May 1821. for the purpose of choosing a representative to represent said town in the General Court appointed to be convened and held in Boston on the last Wednesday of May current

The votes given in being sorted and counted, were as follows (viz).

	votes	
Moses Dorman Esqr	18	For Representative
Capt. Ancill Stickney	5	
Jonathan Foster Esqr	1	
Ens. Aaron Spofford	1	
Phineas Barnes	1	

Chose Moses Dorman Esqr Moderator

Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to defray the charges of the town the present year.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction, of manageing & improveing the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr and that the same be recorded.

Report:

On the 17th day of April last past they duly received the interest or income of $2061.25 the total amount of all the sums committed to their care, and on the 18th of the same Month, paid over to the treasurer of the Town of Boxford one hundred twenty three dollars and sixty seven cents, being the amount of interest arising on the above mentioned sum. The principal is now held and secured by bond as follows (viz)

Report on Donation

300.00 From Gen. Solomon Low. Sureties, Moody Kimball & Enoch Kimball
200. From Moses Spofford, Sureties Benj. Spofford & Abel Spofford
100. From Thomas Foster, Sureties John Perley & Moses Perley
100. From Nathl. Dorman, Sureties Moses Dorman Esqr & Timothy Dorman
200. From Daniel Harriman, Surties Capt. John Kimball & Jeremiah Harriman
287,25 From Capt. Frederick Spofford, Sureties Stephen Spofford & Saml. Spofford
200. From Jona. Foster Esqr, Secured by Mortgage of 9 acres of Land
100. From Andrew Horner, Secured by Mortgage of 7½ acres of Land
323.50 From Capt. Abraham Perley, Secured by Mortgage of 25 acres of Land
119.50 From Solomon Wood, secured by Mortgage of 3 acres of Land
70. From Daniel Adams Esqr, Sureties, Jona. Foster Esqr & Lem. Wood
61. From Nathl. Nelson, Sureties, Nathan Phillips & Asa Pingree
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Thomas Perley
Stephen Spofford } Committee

Voted that Lt. Kimball Cole be allowed to work out one half his Highway tax the present year, on the branches of road leading from his House —

Meeting dissolved

At a legal town meeting held in the Meeting house of the second Parish in Boxford on Thursday the 20th day of Sept. 1821 –

Chose Samuel Shattuck Moderator

Voted To choose a Committee of five persons to view a committee appointed by Court of Sessions to view a way prayed for as a road by Stephen Bartlett and others, passing through a section of the Town of Boxford.

Chose Dea. Parker Shattuck
Jonathan Foster Esqr.
Capt. Jacob Gould
Capt. Amos Kimball
Samuel Shattuck
} Committee for the above purpose –

Voted that said Committee make use of all fair and honorable means, that they shall judge proper, to prevent the location of said road in all stages of its progress.

Voted to dissolve the meeting. – – – – –

At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the First Parish in Boxford, on Monday, the first day of April 1822.

Chose Parker Stafford Esqr. Moderator.

Chose Moses Dorman } Town Clerk.

Voted to choose three persons, and that said three persons, who shall be chosen, shall constitute the boards of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the poor the ensuing year.

Chose Moses Dorman
Jonathan Foster Esqr.
Simeon Pearl } Selectmen and Assessors.

Chose Capt. Ariell Stickney } Treasurer.

Chose St. Samuel Perley junr.
John Merrill } Constables

Voted to choose the following Town Officers by nomination.

Voted to let out the collection of taxes for the ensuing year to the lowest bidders in two districts.

The collection of taxes for the South collection district, was struck off to Benjamin Stafford at four per cent.

The collection of taxes for the North collection district was struck off to Benjamin Stafford, at four per cent.

Chose Benjamin Stafford Collector for both the aforesaid Districts.

Chose Josiah Woodbury
Samuel W. Clement } Tything men.

Chose Samuel Killam,
Capt. Joseph Symonds,
Joseph Smith,
Asa Stiles,
Samuel Kimball Jur.
Capt. Ariell Stickney. } Surveyors of Highways.

Francis Hood,
Amos Perley
John Hood
Ens. Richard Stafford,
Oliver Foster,
Capt. John Bacon,
Isaac Barker
Simeon Pearl

Chose John Gould
Lieut. Samuel Perley Jur.
Capt. Abner Kimball Jur.
Samuel W. Clement. } Fence viewers

Chose Francis Curtice,
Artemas W. Perley,
John Sawyer,
Samuel Spofford Jr.
Joseph Kimball,
Capt. Jeremiah Young,
John Brown,
David Coburn } Field Drivers.

Chose David Kirby,
Moses Chadwick } Pound-keepers.

Chose Genl. Solomon Low,
Asa Foster,
Samuel W. Clement,
Samuel Carleton. } Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose Col. Charles Peabody,
Moses Chadwick } Measurers of Wood.

Chose Oliver Peabody,
Lieut. Samuel Perley Jr.
Col. Charles Peabody,
Capt. Frederick Spofford,
Aaron Perley,
Capt. Amos Kimball Jr.
Benjamin Peabody,
Simeon Pearl } School Committee.

Chose Artemas W. Perley,
Samuel Andrews,
Oliver Peabody,
Aaron L. Parker,
Stephen Pike,
Jeremiah Hariman } Hogreeves.

Money raised for Schools. Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the support of schools the the ensuing year.

Appropriated for women Schools. Voted to appropriate one fourth part of the aforesaid sum for the support of women schools.

Money raised for the repairs of Highways. Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the repairs and amendment of the highways and Town roads, the ensuing year — and that the aforesaid sum be assessed and paid as formerly.

Allowances per day for labour. Voted to allow a man, per day working on the roads, one dollar; for a yoke of oxen, one dollar; for a cart, forty cents, and for a plough, one dollar per day while improved on said Ways.

Neat cattle &c. restrained. Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses and horse kind from going at large from the first of April to the last of November next.

Swine restrained. Voted to restrain swine from going at large the ensuing year.

Vote relating to the boundary line between Rowley and Boxford. Voted to accept the Report of the Committees appointed by the towns of Rowley and Boxford to settle the line in dispute between said Towns from a bound called the three sisters to the bound near Elders rainer meadow, so called, — and that those persons, who perambulated the line between the said Towns in the autumn of 1820 be requested to complete their returns, agreeably to the report.

Report of Comtte relating to the line between Rowley & Boxford

The undersigned being appointed a Committee by the towns of Rowley and Boxford for the purpose of ascertaining the boundary line between the said Towns, from a bound called the three sisters, to the bound near a meadow, called Elder Rainers meadow — having attended said service, Report — That having examined ancient records, it appears they give a straight line between said bounds — and it appears, by actual survey, this day made, that the house, called the Perkins house, is situated in the town of Boxford — and they further recommend, that the said Towns authorize those persons, who perambulated the line between said Town's in the autumn of 1820. to complete their returns agreeably to the foregoing Report.

September 20th, 1821.

Moody Spofford, Thomas Gage, Thomas Payson — Committee for Rowley

Moses Dorman, Thomas Perley, Stephen Peabody — Committee for Boxford

Vote relating to the poll tax of Jeremiah Young.

Voted to refer the article in the warrant, relating to the poll tax set to Capt. Jeremiah Young when at sea, to the Selectmen, to make enquiry of the usuages in sea-port towns in similar cases, and act accordingly

Bill of charge allowed.

Voted to allow the bill of charge presented by Capt. Joseph Symonds of three dollars and seventy two cents for one hundred and thirty six feet of pine plank to repair a bridge.

Votes for County Treasurer

Nathaniel Wade Esqr. seventy four votes for County Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday the 6th day of May next, to two o'clock in the afternoon.

At a legal Town-meeting, held in the Meeting house of the first parish in Boxford the 1st day of April 1822, being the first Monday of said month, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor, Lieut. Governor and Senators and Counsellors, agreeably to the Constitution of this Commonwealth — The votes being sorted, counted and declaration thereof made, were as follows, —

		Votes	
His Excellency,	John Brooks	89	For Governor.
Hon.	William Eustis	18	
Hon.	William Phillips	90	Lt. Governor.
Hon.	Levi Lincoln	18	
Hon.	Nathaniel Hooper	86	Senators and Counsellors.
Hon.	Robert Rantoul	86	
Hon.	John G. King	86	
Hon.	Hobart Clarke	79	
	Benjamin Osgood Esqr.	82	
	Edward S. Rand Esqr.	75	
Hon.	Nathaniel Silsbee	21	
Hon.	Daniel Killam	18	
Hon.	Benjamin W. Crowningshield	18	
	William W. Parrot Esqr.	18	
	Moses Wingate Esqr.	18	
	David Cummins Esqr.	18	

At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meeting house of first parish in Boxford, on Monday, the 8th day of May 1822. for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent said Town in the General Court, appointed to be convened and holden in Boston on the last Wednesday of this May current, the house being divided on the subject, there appeared (by the returns made by the Constables) to be twenty six in favour of having the Town represented, and twenty seven against it and it was lost.

Chose Capt. Thomas Kimball Jun. Moderator.

Money raised to defray charges.

Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to defray the charges of the Town the ensuing year.

Report accepted.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of leasing, improving and managing the estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Moses Wood Esq. and that the same be recorded.

Thirteenth annual Report. viz

Report of Committee on Donation.

"The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of leasing, improving and managing the estate devised to the Town by the Hon. Moses Wood Esq. towards the support of a Grammar school. Ask leave to Report: that on the 15th day of April last, they received of the various persons, from whom the same was due, the annual interest on bonds, amounting to $123. 67 cents the same day, placed the same in the hands of the Treasurer of the Town of Boxford, to be applied to the purposes of said Devise. The principal remains secured in the same manner as at the last annual Report - reference thereunto being had."

Boxford, May 6th, 1822.

Thomas Perley
Stephen Shaffford
Samuel Adams.

Committee appointed by reason of complaint of Road leading by house of Thomas Perley Esq.

Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons to attend to the Road complained of, in Boxford by Israel Thomas Perley and others, and that such Committee cause the obstructions on said Road, complained of, to be removed.

Chose Stephen Shaffford, Thomas Perley, Solomon Lovell } Committee for the aforesaid purpose.

Vote relating to unimproved Land

Voted that the Chairman of the board of Selectmen be directed to make out a schedule of the Real estate of Non-resident proprietors, who refuse or dispute paying taxes at the full value, on account of its being unimproved, and make a true representation of the actual situation of the land to one of the best Lawyers in this County for counsel thereon, and that the opinion of such Counsellor shall be the rule and guide, in future for assessing such taxes: and that the Selectmen be directed to draw an order on the Town Treasurer, for the amount of such expence when ascertained.

May 6th 1822. The annual April meeting resumed agreeably to adjournment.

The transactions of the meeting were as

Voted to excuse Simeon Heard from serving as a Selectman and Assessor the ensuing year.

Voted that the bill of charge presented by Constable John Merrill for warning town-meetings and notifying town Officers be submitted to the Selectmen for adjustment.

It was put to vote, to see if the town would excuse Jonathan Foster Esqr. from serving as a Selectman and Assessor the ensuing year; and it passed in the negative.

Voted to excuse Col. Charles Peabody from serving as a School committee man the ensuing year.

Chose Charles Bixby School committee man, in the place of Col. Charles Peabody.

Chose Capt. Jacob Gould, Tything man for the ensuing year.

Chose Capt. John Tyler Jun. a Selectman and Assessor for the ensuing year.

Voted to excuse Mr. Richard Shafford from serving as a Surveyor of Highways the present year.

Chose Samuel Shafford, Surveyor of Highways.

Bills of charge allowed.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of $1.75 presented by Moses Harmon as one of the Committee in behalf of the town to settle that part of the line in dispute between Rowley and Boxford

Voted to allow the bill of charge presented by Stephen Peabody Esqr. of $1.50 for services on the Committee in behalf of the town to settle that part of the line in dispute between Rowley and Boxford.

Voted to allow the bill of $27.40 presented by Capt. Amos Kimball for services on a committee in behalf of the town to approve the laying out of a road prayed for by Samuel Ayer and others; also a road prayed for by Capt. Stephen Barker and others.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of $13. presented by Jonathan Foster Esqr. for sundry services on a Committee to approve the locating of a Road prayed for by Samuel Ayer and others, also, the road prayed for by Stephen Barker and others.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of $11. presented by Capt. Jacob Gould for services on a Committee in approving the road prayed for by Stephen Barker and others.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of $17 presented by Deacon Parker Shafford, for services in contesting the locating of a Road prayed for by Stephen Barker and others.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of $9. presented by Samuel Shafford for services in contesting the locating of a Road prayed for by Stephen Barker and others

At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford, on Thursday the 5th day of September, 1822.

Chose Capt. Amos Kimball Moderator.

Voted that a Committee be appointed in behalf of the town to meet the Committee from the Court of Sessions on the way prayed for by Nathan Andrews and others, and that such Committee act, as in their view, will best promote the good of the town.

Voted that such Committee consist of three persons.

Committee appointed in behalf of the town on the way prayed for by Nathan Andrews and others

Chose Jonathan Foster Esqr.
Deacon Parker Spofford
Amos Perley
} Committee for the above purpose.

Voted to appoint a Committee of three persons in behalf of the town to attend to the subject of the Road, prayed for in Boxford, by Nathaniel Woodman and others.

Committee in behalf of the town on the way prayed for by Nathaniel Woodman and others.

Voted that the Selectmen, namely, Moses Dorman, Jonathan Foster Esqr. and Capt. John Tyler Jr. be a Committee for the above purposes.

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At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford, the 4th day of November, being the first Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord 1822. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the Essex North District. The whole number of votes given in, were sorted, counted and recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by law directed as follows, viz.

Votes for Representative to Congress.

Hon. Jeremiah Nelson Esqr. 34 } votes
Hon. John Varnum Esqr. — 2 }

Chose Capt. John Tyler Jr. Moderator for the remainder of the meeting.

Voted to pass over the 2nd article in the Warrant.

Voted to pass over the 3d article in the Warrant

Voted to reconsider the 2nd and 3d articles in the Warrant.

Voted to appoint a Committee to ascertain the rights which the town have to the way prayed for ~~by~~ by Nathan Andrews and others

Committee appointed to ascertain the rights which the town have to the way prayed for by Nathan Andrews and others &c.

Voted that the Selectmen for the time being be a Committee for the above purpose

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to call on the Petitioners for the aforesaid way, to see if a compromise can be made with them on account of said way, and that said Committee make report to the town at the next April meeting.

Appointment of a Sealer of Weights and Measures.

In compliance with an Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts entitled "an Act for the due regulation of Weights and Measures" we the subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Boxford, have appointed, and do hereby appoint Moses Chadwick to be a Sealer of Weights and Measures within said Town for the ensuing year.

Witness our hands at Boxford this 7th day of May 1822.

Moses Dorman
Jonathan Foster

At a legal Town meeting held in the Meetinghouse of of the Second parish in Boxford on Monday the 10th day of February 1823.

Chose Deacon Parker Spofford Moderator.

Voted to take further measures in opposing the road prayed for by Nathan Andrews and others.

Voted that the Selectmen be added to the Committee appointed on the 5th of September last, and that such Committee, united, make use of all fair and honorable means to prevent the location of the road prayed for by Nathan Andrews and others.

At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the First parish in Boxford on Friday the 21st day of March 1823.

Chose Parker Spofford Esqr. Moderator.

Voted that the Committee, in behalf of the town, and the Committee on the part of the Petitioners, for the way prayed for by Nathan Andrews and others, meet together and ascertain the amount of the sums subscribed towards defraying the expense of locating and making said way, and report to the town

Voted to suspend further proceedings of the meeting for half an hour.

On return the Committee Reported the amount of the sums subscribed, and in addition thereto the offers in fencing and making the road.

It was then put, to see if the town would accept the offers as stated in the Report, and it was Negatived.

1823.

April 7th. At a legal Town meeting held in the Meetinghouse of the second parish in Boxford on Monday the seventh day of April 1823,

Chose Gen. Solomon Low } Moderator.
" John Bacon } Town Clerk.

Chose Moses Dorman Esq. } Selectmen and Assessors.
" Capt. Aaron Spofford
" Capt. Josiah Thimball

Town Officers Chose.

Chose Capt. Ancill Stickney } Treasurer.

Chose Capt. Samuel Perley } Constables.
" Lt. John Merrill

Voted to let out the collection of taxes the ensueing year to the lowest bidders in two districts.

Collection for south district 4 and 3/4 per cent. The collection of taxes for the south district was struck off to Daniel Adams at four and three fourths per cent.

Collection for north district 4 per cent. The collection of taxes for the north collection district was struck off to Oliver Foster at four per cent.

Chose Daniel Adams } Collector for the south district.
" Oliver Foster } Collector for the North district.

Chose Josiah Woodbury } Tythingmen.
" Seth Burnham
" Moses Dorman Esq.

1823.

April 7th

Chose John Gould
" Capt. Joseph Symonds
" Samuel Dixby
" John Sawyer
" Col. Charles Seabody
" Lt. Daniel Gould jr.
" Jesse Perley
" Thomas Perley
" Capt. Frederick Sheppard
" Ens. Richard Sheppard
" Jeremiah Tyler
" Samuel H. Clement
" Benjamin Peart
" Daniel Mitchel

} Surveyors of Highways.

Town Officers Chose.

Chose John Gould
" Capt. Samuel Perley
" Samuel H. Clement
" Capt. Amos Thimball
" Stephen Seabody Esq.

} Fence viewers.

Chose Thomas Perley
" Francis Curtis
" Samuel Perley
" Samuel Goodale
" Capt. Amos Thimball
" Lt. Joseph Thimball
" John Brown
" Capt. John Tyler

} Field drivers

Chose David Dixby
" Moses Chadwick

} Pound keepers.

1823.

April 7th

Chose Gen. Solomon Low
" Daniel Andrews
" Samuel W. Clement
" Ens. Samuel Thimball

} Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose Col. Charles Peabody
" Benjamin Pearl

} Measurers of Wood

Chose Samuel Andrews
" Capt. Josiah Thimball
" Asa Foster
" Capt. Abraham Perley
" Gen. Solomon Low
" Capt. Aaron Spofford
" Lt. George Pearl
" Broadstreet Tyler jr.

} School Committee.

Town Officers Chose.

Chose Amos Perley
" Oliver Hilham
" Thomas W. Durant
" Oliver Foster
" Samuel Morse
" Lt. Leonard Carleton
" Thomas Perley jr.
" Thomas S. Hovey

} Hogreeves.

Money raised for schools.

Voted to raise Five hundred dollars for the support of schools the ensueing year.

Appropriation for woman's schools.

Voted to appropriate one fourth part of the aforesaid sum, for the support of woman schools.

Money raised for repairs Highways.

Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the repairs and amendment of the Highways and Town roads the ensueing year; to be expended in the same manner and same prices of the last year.

April 7th

Neat cattle &c. restrained.

Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses and horse kind from going at large, from the first day of April to the twenty fifth day of November.

Swine restrained.

Voted to restrain swine from going at large the ensuing year.

Selectmen to bring in their bills.

Voted to determine the salary of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the poor per day while engaged on services within the limits of the Town; and order them to bring their bills before the Town for allowance.

Compensation of Selectmen $1.00 per day.

Voted that one dollar per day shall be their salary including board.

Instructions to Assessors respecting taking in the bills.

Voted that the Assessors call at the respective dwellings of the inhabitants on, or as soon after the first day of May as possible, for the purpose of taking in the bills.

Course of the Meetings determined.

Voted that the Meetings shall in future be held in the first and second Parishes by yearly rotation, the years considered as commencing with the annual meeting: Excepting the meetings for the choice of Members of Congress, which shall be held alternately in the Parishes.

Meetings for Members of Congress.

Abatement of S. Reynolds Tax for 1816.

Voted to abate the tax set to Stephen Reynolds in collector Daniel Adams list of rates for the year 1816.

Taxes referred to Selectmen.

Voted to refer the taxes which remain unsettled in Collector Thimball Coles list, to the Selectmen; they to take cognizance of them, and do with them as they shall think best for the interest of the Town.

Votes for County Treasurer 93

Nathaniel Wade Esq. ninety three votes for County Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the second Monday of May next at two o'clock P. M.

1823
April 7th

A legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester held in the meetinghouse of the second Parish, on the seventh day of April 1823, being the first Monday of said month, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor, Lieut. Governor & Senators and Councellors agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

The votes being sorted, counted and declaration thereof made, were as follows;

Hon.	Harrison G. Otis	126	For Governor.
"	William Eustis	12	
"	Daniel Noble	126	Lt. Governor.
"	Levi Lincoln	12	
"	Nathaniel Hooper	126	Senators. and Councellors.
"	Robert Rantoul	126	
"	John G. Thing	126	
"	Hobart Clark	112	
"	Edward S. Brand	126	
"	Benjamin Byrod	126	
"	Nathaniel Tilsbee	12	
	John Prince Esq.	12	
Dr.	Nathan Noyes	12	
	William W. Parrot Esq.	10	
Dr.	Aaron Lummus	12	
	Moses Wingate Esq.	12	
	H. H. H. Parrot	2	

Monday, May 12th 1823. The meeting brought on agreeable to the adjournment.

Adjournment

Voted to excuse Daniel Adams from serveing as Collector for the south collection district.

Chose Oliver Foster, Collector for the south collection district at four and three fourths per cent.

Voted to allow the bill of charge, presented by Capt Abraham Perley of seven dollars $\frac{50}{100}$ for labour done on the road leading from Rowley to Salem by Esq. Perleys.

Voted to refer the bill of charge, presented by Beniah Burns, respecting Stephen Sessions, to the Selectmen.

Voted to allow the bill of charge, presented by Asa Stiles of three dollars $\frac{15}{100}$ for 28 feet of oak timber for a string piece for the bridge near Asa Fosters mill.

Bills of Charge.

Voted to allow the bill of charge, presented by Jonathan Foster Esq. of twelve dollars $\frac{10}{100}$ for his services on a committee to oppose a road prayed for by Nathan Andrews and others.

Voted to allow the bill of charge, presented by Parker Spofford Esq. of seventeen dollars $\frac{25}{100}$ for his servises on a committee to oppose a road prayed for by Nathan Andrews and others; and for expence at his house of committee & counsel

Voted to allow the bill of charge, presented by Asa Andrews Esq. of twentysix dollars $\frac{25}{100}$ for his servises, advice, and arguceing the cause against the road prayed for by Nath Andrews and others.

Voted to allow the bill of charge presented by John Pickering Esq. of twenty dollars for defending against the petition of Nathan Andrews and others for a way.

Voted to allow the bill of charge presented by Asa Perley of five dollars $\frac{22}{100}$ for his services, in the case of the road prayed for by Nathan Andrews and others; he being employed by the towns committee.

May 12. Voted to allow the bill of charge presented by Stephen Peabody Esq. of one dollar $\frac{80}{100}$ for one day attendance and travel at Court in the case of the road, prayed for by Nathan Andrews and others.

Voted to allow the bill of charge presented by Ens. Samuel Thimball yr. of nine dollars $\frac{6}{100}$ for a string piece, plank, and labour on the road.

Meeting dissolved.

1823.

May 12. At a legal town meeting held in the meeting house of the second Parish in Boxford on Monday the 12th day of May A.D. 1823. for the purpose of chooseing a Representative to represent said town in the General Court appointed to be convened and held in Boston on the last Wednesday of May current.

Representative Meeting. It was put to vote to see if the town would send a Representative to the General Court the present year, and it passed in the affirmative.

The votes for a Representative being called for, sorted and counted were as follows

For General Solomon Low	64	For Representative.
" Moses Dorman Esq.	49	
" Capt. Amos Thimball yr.	3	
" Capt. Ancill Stickney	1	
" Parker Spofford Esq.	1	
" Phineas Barns	1	

And General Solomon Low was declared to be chosen.

May 12. Town Meeting.

At a legal Town meeting held in the meeting house of the second Parish in Boxford, on Monday the twelfth day of May 1823.

Chose General Solomon Low } Moderator.

Gen. Low having requested to be excused from serving as Moderator at the present meeting, was excused by the town

Chose Col. Charles Peabody } Moderator.

Money raised.

Voted to raise Twelve hundred dollars to defray town charges the ensuing year.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed to take the care and direction of managing and improving the Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq. and that the same be recorded.

Report.

Donation Report.

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improveing, leaseing and manageing the Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq. for and toward the support of a Grammer school: Ask leave to report. That on the 17th day of April last past they did receive and paid over to the Treasurer of the town of Boxford the sum of \$123:67 being one years interest on \$2061:25 the total amount of all the sums committed to their care — The principle is now held and secured by Bonds as follows: (viz)

D.	C.	
100.	00	From Capt. Eliphalet Chaplin: sureties Nath. Nelson & Ben. [illegible]
287.	25	" Frederick Spofford: sureties Stephen Spofford & Saml. [illegible]
200.	00	" Daniel Harriman: " Capt. John Kimball & Jeremiah Harriman
200.	00	" Dudley Kilham: " Daniel Chapman & Samuel Perley.
200.	00	" Moses Spofford: " Benjamin Spofford & Abel Spofford
100.	00	" Abel Spofford: " Moses Spofford & Leonard Carleton
61.	00	" Nath. Nelson: " Nathan Phillips & [illegible]
70.	00	" Daniel Adams Esq.: " Jonathan Foster Esq. & Lemuel Wood
100.	00	" Nath. Dorman: " Timothy Dorman & Moses Dorman.

Brot. 6	Major Jonathan Foster Esq. secured by a mortgage of 9 acres of land.
1 [illegible]	Jacob Farnum Jr. secured by a mortgage of 7½ acres of land.
53.98	Capt. Abraham Perley secured by a mortgage of 25 or 30 acres of land.
119.50	Solomon Wood secured by a mortgage deed of 3 acres of land.
161.25	

Boxford, May 12th, 1823.

Thomas Perley
Stephen Spofford.
Israel Adams.

S. Woods taxes abated. — Voted to abate the taxes set to Solomon Wood for the year 1822 in Collector John Merrill's list of rates.

Voted that a committee of three persons be chosen to attend to the road on the hill above the house of John Dorman, to expend such sums of money as the exigencies and circumstances of the case may require, in the repair of said road, and to prevent if possible a new location.

Committee chosen. — Chose the Selectmen for said committee (viz) Moses Dorman Esq. Capt. Aaron Spofford and Capt. Josiah Kimball Esq. Dorman having declined serving Capt. Simeon Cole was chosen in his room.

Voted to pass over the 7th article in the Warrant.

Voted that the Heirs of Lt. Kimball have liberty to work out one half of their highway tax the present year on the way leading by their dwelling house to the public road.

Meeting dissolved.

Scaler appointed. — Pursuant to an act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth "entitled an act for the due regulation of Weights and Measures," passed in February 1800. We the subscribers have appointed and do hereby appoint Moses Chadwick of Boxford to be a Sealer of Weights and Measures within said town the ensuing year. Given under our hands at said Boxford the 23th day of April A.D. 1823.

Moses Dorman } Selectmen
Aaron Spofford } of
Josiah Kimball } Boxford

1823.
Nov. 13.

Town Meeting.

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meetinghouse of the second Parish in Boxford the thirteenth day of November A.D. 1823,

Chose General Solomon Low, Moderator.

Voted to accept the list of Jurors, as presented by the Selectmen.

The following is a list of the names of those persons who were selected, and approved by the town as suitable persons to serve as Jurors, Viz.

Jurors.

Phineas Barnes	Samuel Peabody jr.
Seth Burnham	Charles Peabody
John Bacon	Aaron Perley
Samuel W. Clement	Amos Perley
John Day	Abraham Perley
Timothy Dorman	Samuel Perley jr.
Moses Dorman	Artemus W. Perley
Israel Foster	Benjamin Pearl
Jonathan Foster	Simeon Pearl
Jacob Gould	William Ross
John Gould	Samuel Spofford
Thomas S. Hovey	Frederick Spofford
Daniel Harriman	Joseph Symonds
Samuel Thimball	Joseph Smith
Amos Thimball jr.	Ancill Stickney
Josiah Thimball	John Sawyer
Solomon Low	Aaron Spofford
Stephen Peabody	John Tyler
Henry Perley jr.	Jeremiah Young

Submitted by,

Boxford Nov. 13. 1823.

Moses Dorman
Aaron Spofford
Josiah Thimball
} Selectmen of Boxford

It was put to vote to see if the town would cause a road to be laid out and opened from the Oak tree at the junction of the roads leading from Haverhill and Andover in, or near the direction prayed for by Nathan Andrews and others, to the town road near the house of Nathan Brewer, to lay all the way three rods wide, except on the ridge, which is to lay two rods and one half wide.

Road Voted.

After takeing out those who were objected to on account of their not being voters, the Moderator proceedet to count the voters for, and against — and there was a majority in favor of causeing it to be laid out as above — therefore it passed in the AFFIRMATIVE.

Voted to direct the Selectmen to stake out and lay out said road agreeable to the foregoing vote.

It was put to vote to pass over the 4th Article in the warrant, and it passed in the NEGATIVE.

Voted to choose a Committee to view the way mentioned in the 4th Article of the warrant, which is, "To see if the town will cause a road to be laid out three rods wide from the town road beginning Southerly of the brook below the house of Amos Carleton thence running Southeasterly over land of John Foster and others to the town road leading to the house of Peter Peart thence to straighten and widen the town road to the corner of the Andover road below the house of Captain Amos Thimball"

Voted that said Committee make report at the next town meeting of the most advisable way for said road to run, to avoid the circulation road & the burying place hill.

Committee

Voted that said Committee consist of three persons.

Chose Simeon Peart
John Bacon
Capt Amos Thimball

} Committee for said purpose

1823.
Nov. 13.

Voted to pass over the 5th Article in the Warrant.

Voted to pass over the 6th Article in the Warrant.

Reconsidered

Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to meet the Rowley Committee and make their report at the next town meeting.

Chose the Selectmen for said Committee.

of Woodstan Abated.

Voted to abate the tax set to Solomon Wood in Collector Amos Thimbalh list of taxes for 1821.

Bills of Charge

Voted to allow the bill of Charge presented by General Solomon Low of $33.75 cts. for labour done on the road leading by the house of Thomas Perley Esq. he being one of the Committee.

Voted to allow the bill of Charge presented by Phineas Perley of $62.70 cts. for labour and services on the road leading by the house of Thomas Perley Esq. he being one of the Committee.

Voted that the bill of Charge presented by Martha Hale of $6.45 cts. for boarding and nursing Samuel Goodwin, from Nov. 21st to Dec. 9th two weeks and four days, at $2.50 cts. pr. week, be referred to the Selectmen.

Voted to allow the bill of Charge presented by Leverett Hallanstall Esq. of $5.00 cts. for advice to the Committee of the town concerning an indictment against the town at June Term 1823.

Voted to allow the bill of Charge presented by Moses Dorman Esq. of $9.00 cts. for surveying roads attending court &c.

Voted that the bill of Charge presented by Asa Andrews Esq. of $12.00 ch. be refered to the Selectmen.

The following is a true copy of the said bill of Charge, Viz

" Inhabitants of Boxford to Asa Andrews (Dr.

March Term Com. Pleas 1822	To advice and appearing for the town in the indictment against said town	4.00
June 1822.	To Do. Do.	2.00
September 1822.	To Do. Do.	2.00
December 1822.	To Do. Do.	2.00
March 1823.	To Do. Do.	2.00
		$12.00

Gentlemen, It will be seen that four dollars are charged the first Term & half fees at each term afterwards while I was employed to answer. "

Voted to reconsider the vote passed on the 7th Article in the Warrant.

Voted that the Selectmen viz. Moses Dorman Esq. Capt. Aaron Spofford and Capt. Josiah Thimball be a Committee to meet a like Committee from the town of Rowley for the purpose expressed in the 7th Article of the Warrant, and are fully empowered to carry the same into effect in any manner which they may think most conducive to the best interests of the town.

Committee

Voted that this Meeting be DISSOLVED.

1823.

Dec. 11

Town meeting.

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting house of the second Parish in Boxford on Thursday the Eleventh day of December A.D. 1823; the following votes were passed, and proceedings had, Viz.

Chose Col. Charles Peabody } Moderator.

No. of votes for moderator were 99 - Col. Charles Peabody had - 55.
P. Spofford Esq. had — 44

A question was put "to see if the town would adjourn the meeting," and it passed in the Negative by a large majority -

Voted to pass over the 2d. article in the Warrant: said vote passed by a large majority -

Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen who were appointed to stake out, and lay out the road prayed for by Ariell Stickney and others, from the Oak tree, at the junction of the Haverhill and Andover roads to the town road near the house of Nathan Dresser: said vote passed unanimous; The Report is as follows viz.

"Pursuant to a vote of the Town of Boxford passed the 13th day of November, 1823.

We the subscribers, Selectmen of said Boxford met on the 22d day of November abovesaid, and laid out and staked a road, or way from the junctions of the Andover and Haverhill roads near the great oak - tree, in a southerly direction, to the Town road above the house of the heirs of John Dresser as follows, Beginning at a stake and stones on the southerly side of the said Andover road, thence running South 2 ½ degrees west (by the needle) 62 rods and 12 links to a stake and stones on the southerly side of the Mill stream of Capt. Elisha Chaplin; thence South 8 degrees west 27 rods to a stake and stones on a hill; thence South 3 ½ degrees west 28 rods to a stake and stones on a knoll, thence South 8 ¼ degrees east

17 rods and 7 links to a stake and stones on the northerly end of a ridge; thence south 13½ degrees east 7 rods and 9 links to a stake and stones; hence South 2 degrees west 7 rods and 22 links to a stake and stones, hence South 27 degrees east 3 rods and 16 links to a stake and stones; hence south 34 degrees east 2 rods and 15 links to a stake and stones; hence south 2 degrees west 23 rods to a stake and stones; hence south 12 degrees west 62 rods and 14 links to a stake and stones; hence South 26 degrees east 35 rods and 7 links to a stake and stones; hence south 25 degrees east 21 rods and 2 links to a stake and stones on the northeasterly side of the town road above the house of the heirs of John Dresser.

Said Road, or way to be three rods wide from the said Andover road to the ridge, and to lay on the westerly side of said described bounds — and from the northerly end of said Ridge to the southerly end thereof to be two and a half rods wide and to lay on the westerly side of the described bounds, — and to lay three rods wide from the southerly end of the ridge to the Town road on the westerly side of said bounds.

Note, Said described way lays on land of

	Rods.	links
Stephen Spofford	71	12
Deac. Bradstreet Tyler	80	4
Gen. Solomon Low	80	14
Capt. Ancill Stickney	35	7
Nathan Dresser	21	2
Length of road or way by admeasurement =	288	14

Boxford. Dec. 11th 1823.

Submitted by —— Moses Dorman

Josiah Thimball. "

Dec. 11. 1823, I certify the above to be a true copy of Report

Attest John Bacon
Town Clerk.

It was put to vote to see if the town would accept and establish the road prayed for by Ancill Stickney and others from the Oak tree at the junction of the Haverhill and Andover roads to the town road above the house of the heirs of John Drew, as laid out by the Selectmen in the foregoing Report – and it passed unanimously in the AFFIRMATIVE.

Voted, unanimously, to accept the report of the Committee appointed in November last, to view the contemplated way for a road near the Burying place in the North Parish in said Boxford; which Report is as follows,

The Committee appointed by the town on the 13th inst. to view the way mentioned in the 4th Article of the Warrant, and make report at the next town meeting of the most advisable way for said road to run, to avoid the circuitous road and the burying place hill – Ask. leave to

Report

That after viewing all the routs which to their knowledge have ever been mentioned and taking all things into consideration they come to the conclusion that it would be most advisable for said road to commence at the Porter Brook. and to strike the Andover road at the Cherry tree and to run in the direction and according to the plan shewed them, which was drawn by John Bacon in Sept. 1823.

Boxford Nov. 21st 1823

Submitted by

Simeon Peart
John Bacon } Committee

Voted, unanimously, to direct the Selectmen to lay out and state out the above said road according to the above said Report & plan.

Voted, unanimously, that this meeting be Dissolved.

1824.
Jan. 12.

Remonstrance.

The remonstrance of the subscribers, inhabitants of the town of Boxford, and legally qualified to vote in town affairs in Sheweth; That, whereas a town meeting is warned to be holden this day at the meeting house of the 2d. Parish in said town and is in their opinion (so far as respects the 2d. article in the warrant) illegal in the present case, and highly improper, as the Statute gives towns no power to discontinue roads, except such as have been improved as such, and have become unnecessary, plainly implying those which have ceased to be travelled on and have become useless.

Protest.

Believing as we do in the necessity of the road there mentioned, and that such proceedings can be of no benefit, even to those persons who are against said road, but that on the contrary will be of great disadvantage to the whole town, in bringing on a lawsuit in which their only prospect is defeat: Further considering that we have had repeated meetings on the subject and the road has been established; and that in their opinion a number of persons are determined to continue causeing meetings to be held in this inclement season, when we cannot conveniently attend; — We therefore for the causes aforementioned enter this our PROTEST against proceeding on the 2d. article aforesaid, and request the Town Clerk to put the same on record; and further than this we shall not act on said article.

(Dated Boxford January 12th. 1824.

Nathan Andrews
Samuel Andrews
Daniel Andrews
Dean Andrews

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1824.
Jan. 12.

Protest
Continued.

Josiah Bacon
John Bacon
Francis Curtis

Timothy Dorman
Nathan Dresser
Nathaniel Dorman
Samuel B. Dale
Daniel Davis
John Foster
Joseph Foster
Phineas Foster
Asa Foster
Joshua French

Jacob Gould
John Gould
Moses Gould
Daniel Gould
Daniel Gould jr.

Thomas F. Hovey

George Jewett

Samuel Kimball
Samuel Kimball jr.
Samuel Kimball 3d.
Josiah Kimball
Samuel Killam

Solomon Low
Benjamin Pearl

Samuel Perley jr.
Henry Perley jr.
Phineas Perley
Phineas Perley jr.
Abraham Perley
Leonard Perley
William Perley
Oliver Peabody
Samuel Peabody jr.
William Peabody
Oliver D. Peabody

James Russel
Peabody Russel
William Rice
Ancill Stickney
Simeon Stiles
Asa Stiles
John Sawyer
George W. Sawyer
John Stiles
Joseph Symmonds
Joseph Smith
Johnson Savage

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John Down jr.
Samuel Down

Protest
Continued

Josiah Woodbury
John Wood
Silas Wood
Jeremiah Young

At a legal town meeting, held in the Meeting house of the 2d Parish in Boxford, on Monday the 12th. day of January A.D. 1824, at 10 o'clock A.M. the following votes were passed. viz.

Chose Deac. Parker Spofford, Moderator.

Deac. P. Spofford had 84 votes, being the whole number given in.

The following motion was then made in writing by Jonathan Foster Esq. viz. "Whereas the Selectmen conformable to the request of Capt. Ariel Stickney and others laid out a road from the oak. tree at the junction of the Haverhill and Andover roads to the town road above the house of the heirs of John Dresser and near the house of Nathan Dresser, and by the Selectmen reported to the town at a meeting on the eleventh day of December 1823, and said road was then accepted after an unexpected and exampled mode of proceeding under the color of law had been inforced by the presideing officer whereby many of the Inhabitants of the first estates were excluded from their right of voting, Wherefore in view of the subject in all its bearings do vote and determine that the said road laid out and accepted in manner aforesaid is not necessary, and that the said road be discontinued, and it is hereby discontinued and made void to all intents and purposes." Voted that the Town Clerk. be requested to take down the name of every person voting on the motion made by Jonathan Foster Esq. with the yea or nay annexed to his name as he shall vote — and put the same on record. Those to whose name is annexed a yea is considered voting for the motion, the nays against the motion.

A.

Israel Adams yea.
Isaac Adams yea.

B.

Rufus Burnham yea.
Seth Burnham yea.
John Brown yea.
Isaac Barker yea.
Edmund Barker yea.

C.

Samuel Carleton yea.
Samuel Cree yea.
Leonard Carleton yea.
Samuel W. Clement yea.
David Coburn yea.
Thomas R. Chadwick. yea
Amos Carleton yr. yea
Moses Chadwick. yea.
Samuel Cole yea.

C.

Moses Carleton yea.
Simeon Cole yea.
Henry Clement yea
Wm. W. Carleton yea.

D.

Thomas W. Durant yea.
Thomas Dunn yea.

F.

Jonathan Foster yea.
Israel Foster yea.
Oliver Foster yea.

G.

James A. Gilmore yea.
David Gilmore yea.
Amos Gage yea.
Thomas Goulet yea.
Samuel Goodale yea.

H.

Jeremiah Harriman yea.
Daniel Harriman yea.
Luke Hovey yea.
Asa Hall yea.
John Hale yea.

K.

Amos Kimball yea.
John Kimball yea.
John Kimball yr. yea.
Moses Kimball yea.

M.

John Merrill yea.
Daniel Mitchel yea.
Richard Morse yea.
Samuel Morse yea.

P.

Thomas Perley yea.
Aaron Perley yea.
Amos. Perley yea.
Thomas Perley yr yea.
Artemas W. Perley yea.
Charles Perley — yea.
Asa Perley yr. yea
Jesse Perley — yea
Jesse Perley yr. yea
Francis Perley yea.
Samuel Perley yea.
Ancill Perley yea.
Asa Perley yea.

P.

Ebenezer Peabody yea.
Stephen Peabody yea.
Benjamin Peabody yea.
Simeon Peart yea.
George Peart yea.
William Parker yea.
Aaron L. Parker yea.
John Parker yea.
Benjamin Parker yea.
Jacob C. Parker yea.
Stephen Pike yea.

R.

Benjamin Robinson yea.
Benjamin Robinson yr. yea
Enos Reynolds yea.
Elipthalet Reynolds yea.
Jonas Runnels yea.
Frederick. Reynolds yea.
William Rose — yea.

S.

Thomas Sprofford yea.
Aaron Sprofford yea.
Richard Sprofford yea.
Samuel Sprofford yea.
Samuel Sprofford yr. yea.
Stephen Sprofford yea.
Frederick Sprofford yea.
Jacob Smith — yea.

T.

William Tyler yea.
Jeremiah Tyler yea.
Joseph S. Tyler yea.
Elkint Tyler yea.

W.

Joseph Wood yea.
Daniel Wood yea.
Aaron Wood yea.
Ebenezer Woodman yea.
Moses Wilkins yea.

Varied in the affirmative without opposition.

Voted to discharge the Selectmen from any service in laying out a road near the burying ground in the second Parish in said town, pursuant to a report made, and vote thereon at a meeting held Dec. 11th 1823.

Voted to abate the poll tax of Stephen Reynolds in Collector Moses Chadwicks list of rates for the year 1811.

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved.

1824.

At a legal Town-meeting, held in the Meeting house of the First Parish in Boxford, on Monday, the 5th day of April 1824.

Chose Parker Sp[illegible]fford Esq.r Moderator

Chose Moses Dorman } Town Clerk.

Chose Moses Dorman, Simeon Pearl, Capt. Aaron Sp[illegible]fford } Selectmen and Assessors.

Chose Capt. Ameill Stickney } Treasurer.

Chose John Gould, Lieut John Merrill } Constables.

The collection of taxes, for the South collection district was struck off to Lieut. Daniel Gould Jr. at five per cent.

The collection of taxes for the North collection district was struck off to Jonathan Foster Esq.r at five per cent.

Chose Lieut. Daniel Gould Jr. Collector for the South district.

Chose Jonathan Foster Esq.r Collector for the North district.

Chose Josiah Woodbury, Capt. Jacob Gould, Samuel W. Clement } Tything men

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Chose Dan.l George W. Sawyer, Capt. Joseph Symonds, Nathaniel Dorman, Capt. Josiah Kimball, Asa Foster, Gen.l Solomon Low, Benjamin Sp[illegible]fford, Nathan Drewer, Joseph Killam, Isaac Adams, Jonathan Foster Esq.r, Amos Carleton, Thomas W. Durant, Moses Wilkins. } Surveyors of Highways

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Chose Capt. Samuel Perley Jun.r, Stephen Peabody Esq.r, Samuel Killam, Capt. Amos Kimball, Samuel W. Clement } Fence viewers.

1024.

Chose John Gould,
Francis Perley,
Doct. William Peabody,
En. Samuel Kimball J.s
Daniel Mitchell,
Israel Adams,
Samuel Kimball 3d
Manly H. Cole.
} Field-drivers

Chose Nathaniel Dorman,
Moses Chadwick.
} Pound-keepers

Chose Gen. Solomon Low,
Daniel Andrews,
Samuel W. Clement,
Ens.r Samuel Kimball.
} Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Col. Charles Peabody,
Benjamin Pearl,
Moses Chadwick.
} Measurers of Wood

Chose John Gould,
Capt. Jeremiah Young.
Samuel Perley,
Israel Foster,
Samuel Morse.
} School-Committee

Chose Thomas Perley Jus.
Doctor William Peabody,
Manly H. Cole.
Francis Perley,
Majr. John Bacon,
Oliver Foster.
} Hogreeves.

Nathaniel Wade Esqr. Voted 77
Capt. Ariell Stickney 10
} For County Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the 15th of April current.
to three o'clock in afternoon, at this place.

1824.

At a legal Town meeting, held in the Meetinghouse of the first Parish in Boxford the 5th day of April 1824. being the first Monday of said Month, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor, Lieut. Governor and Senators and Counsellors, agreeably to the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

The votes being sorted, counted and declaration thereof made were as follows

For Governor

	votes
Hon. Samuel Lathrop	120
Eze. William Eustis	30
Thomas Cummings	1

For Lt. Governor.

Hon. Richard Sullivan	120
Hon. Harrison Gray	30
Thomas Perley Jr.	1

For Senators and Counsellors.

Hon. Dudley A. Tyng,	
Hon. Benjamin Pickman,	
Hon. Nathaniel Hooper,	
Hon. Edward D. Rand,	
Hon. John Varnum,	
James Gardner	
Hon. Nathaniel Silsbee	
Hon. John Prince	
Hon. Nathan Boyd	
Hon. Aaron Lummus,	
Hon. William Parratt	
Hon. Moses Wingate	
Goodsmith Rea	
Deacn. Parker Stafford	
Thomas Perley Esqr.	
Hanly H. Cole	
Orrin Kimball	
Samuel B. Dale	

1824. April 15th, 1824. The April meeting resumed agreeably to adjournment.

Chose Benjamin Shofford a School Committeeman.

Voted to excuse Capt. Jeremiah Young from serving on the School committee.

Chose Asa Stiles a School-Committeeman.

Voted to excuse Doctor George W. Sawyer from serving as a Surveyor of Highways.

Chose Oliver Peabody a Surveyor of Highways.

Voted to excuse Israel Foster from serving on the School Committee.

Chose Benjamin Robinson a School Committeeman

Voted to excuse Samuel Morse from serving on the School Committee.

Chose Daniel Wood a School Committeeman, and excused him.

Chose Deacon Jabez Day School Committeeman in the stead of Daniel Wood.

Money raised for schools — Voted to raise $.500 for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

Appropriated for Women schools — Voted to appropriate one fourth part of the aforesaid sum for the support of Women schools.

Money raised for repairs of Highways. — Voted to raise $1000 for the repairs and amendments of the Highways and Town roads the ensuing year.

Voted that the said sum be assessed and spend in the same manner as it has formerly been done.

Allowance per day for labor — Voted to allow a man for day (working on the roads) one dollar; for a yoke of oxen one dollar, for a cart forty cents, and for a plough one dollar per day while used on said Ways.

Neat cattle &c restrained. — Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses and horse kind from going at large within the limits of the Town from the 15th day of April to the 20th day of November following.

Swine restrained — Voted to restrain swine from going at large the ensuing year.

Bills of charge allowed — Voted to allow the bill of charge of $1.35 presented by Capt. Jonath. Symonds for 60 feet of Plank to repair Bridges.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of $27.10 presented by Moses Dunmore for twenty six days service in the Town as a Selectman and Assessor, including paper, and 35 cents paid for postage of a letter and ~~and~~ hand on a reference.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of $19 presented by Capt. Aaron Shofford for nineteen days service as a Selectman and Assessor.

Voted to allow the bill of charge of $19 presented by Capt. Josiah Kimball for nineteen days services as a Selectman and Assessor.

Voted to excuse Israel Adams from serving as a Field-driver.

Chose Samuel Shofford a Field-driver.

Meeting Dissolved.

1824: At a Legal Town meeting, held in the Meeting house of the first Parish in Boxford on Monday the 10th day of May 1824. for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent the town in the General Court appointed to be convened and held in Boston on the last, Wednesday of May current.

Voted to pass over the article, and not to send a Representative the present year.

Chose Col. Charles Peabody Moderator.

Money raised for town charges. Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to defray the charges of the town the current year.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed to mannage, lease and improve the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. which is in the words following.

The Thirty second annual Report.

Report of Committee on donation. The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of leasing and mannageing the Estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. towards the support of a Grammer school; ask leave to Report, that on the 17th of April last, they received of the various persons from whom the same was due, the annual interest on Bonds, amounting to $123.67. and the same day, placed the same in the hands of the Treasurer of the town of Boxford to be applied to the purposes of said Devise: the principal remains secured in the same manner as at the last annual report - reference thereunto being had

Thomas Perley
Stephen Spofford
Israel Adams.

Boxford, May 10th, 1824.

Voted to pass over the 4th article in the Warrant, which was to see if the town would procure ox shovels for the use of the town.

Town vote of May 13th, 1816 annulled. Voted, that the vote of the town passed the 13th day of May 1816, respecting the opening of the roads in the winter, when rendered impassable by ~~by~~ snow, be null and void.

Voted to pass over the 6th article in the Warrant relating to killing crows and other mischevous birds.

Votes respecting to transcribing of births and deaths by Col. John Bacon. Voted that the Book, transcribed by Col. John Bacon be brought before the town in the present meeting.

Voted to Reconsider the last vote.

Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to attend to the book transcribed by Majr. John Bacon, and to decide on his bill for the same.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to attend to the transcript and bill of charge.

Meeting Dissolved.

1824. At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford holden at the Meeting house of the first Parish in said Town on Monday the 27th day of September 1824.

Chose Parker Shofford Esqr. Moderator

Chose Amos Kimball, Clerk pro tem pore

Vote relative to the Petition of Thomas Hovey and others for a Road.

Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to attend to the petition of Thomas S. Hovey and others, to the Court of Sessions for a road from Bradford through this Town towards Boston - and that said Committee take all just and honourable means to shew to the Court of Sessions, that said Road is unnecessary, and under existing circumstances, if obtained, will be excessively burden some to the town.

Chose Parker Shofford Esqr.
Israel Adams,
Moses Dorman Esqr. } Committee for the aforesaid purpose.

Voted to direct the above chosen Committee to use similar means and measures, as above stated to prevent the location of a way prayed for by Joseph Chadwick Esqr. of Bradford and others on the westerly side of Little pond so called

Parker Shofford, Moderator

Attest Amos Kimball, Clerk pro tem.

Meeting Dissolved.

Appointment of a Sealer of weights and measures

Pursuant to an Act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth entitled an act for the due regulations of Weights and Measures passed in February 1800. We the subscribers have appointed and do hereby appoint Moses Chadwick of Boxford to be a sealer of Weights and Measures within said Town the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Boxford the 29th day of February A. D. 1824.

Moses Dorman
Simeon Pearl
Aaron Shofford } Selectmen of Boxford.

1824. At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Braintree in the County of Essex, qualified according to the Constitution, to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden in the Meeting house of the Second Parish in Braintree on Monday the first day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to Congress for the Essex North district; also, for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States. The whole number of votes given in, were received, sorted, counted and declared and record thereof made in open town meeting as directed by the Statute passed June 5th, 1824. and were for the following persons:

	No. of votes	
Hon. John Varnum	107	Representatives to Congress.
Hon. Nehemiah Cleaveland	5	
John Merrill Esq.	11	
Hon. William Baylies	28	Electors at large.
Hon. William Reed	28	
Hon. William Gray	32	
Hon. Levi Lincoln	32	
Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop	32	Electors for Suffolk district.
Hon. Samuel Hubbard	28	
William Sutton Esq.	28	Electors for Essex South district.
Hon. Nathaniel Silsbee	32	
David How Esq.	28	Electors for Essex North district
Doctr. Joseph Whittredge	32	
Hon. Edmund Foster	28	Electors for Middlesex district.
Augustus Flower	32	
Doctr. Daniel Thurber	28	Electors for Worcester South district
Gen. Jonathan Davis	32	
Hon. Solomon Strong	28	Electors for Worcester North district
Col. Edmund Lincoln	32	
Gen. Samuel Porter	28	Electors for Franklin district
Oliver Smith Esq.	32	
Doctor Timothy Horton	28	Electors for Hampden district
Enos Foot Esq.	32	

1824.

Hon. William Walker — 60 } Electors for Berkshire district

Hon. Benjamin Reynolds = 20 } Electors for Norfolk district.
Hon. John Endicott — 32 }

Benjamin Hobart Esq = 20 } Electors for Plymouth district.
Hon. Thomas Weston — 32 }

Hon. John H. Williams — 20 } Electors for Bristol district.
Cornelius Grennell Esq = 32 }

Nymphas Marston Esq = 20 } Electors for Barnstable district
Hezekiah Barnard Esq = 32 }

Chose Col. Charles Peabody Moderator.

Voted that the whole matter contained in the second article in the Warrant, relating to abatements of taxes, be referred to the present board of Selectmen for adjustment.

Meeting dissolved.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Boxford in the County of Essex qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden in the Meeting house of the second Parish in Boxford, on the third day of January 1825. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to Congress for the Essex North district, the whole number of votes given in were received sorted, counted and recorded and declaration thereof made as by law directed, and were as follows -

Hon John Varnum 43 votes
John Merrill Esq. 4

The Assessors, after giving notice of the uncollected part of the taxes assessed and committed in the year 1823 to Collector Oliver Foster to collect, who deceased, proceeded to dispose of the uncollected part thereof by auction to the lowest bidder, which was struck off as follows -

Collection for the South district to Gen. Solomon Low at eight and a half per cent.

Collection for the North district to Jonathan Foster Esq. at seven per cent.

1825.
April 14th.

At a legal Town meeting held in the Meeting house of the second parish in Boxford on Monday the fourth day of April A. D. 1825, it being the annual town meeting the following officers were chosen and votes passed, viz.

Town Officers.

Col. Charles Peabody } Moderator.

John Bacon } Town Clerk.

John Baron
Gen. Solomon Low } Selectmen and Assessors.
Asa Foster

Capt. Uriah Stickney } Town Treasurer.

Capt. Samuel Perley
Capt. John Merrill } Constables.

Voted to set up the taxes to be collected, to the lowest bidder, in two collection districts.

Collection of Town South district.

The collection of taxes for the South collection district was struck off to Capt. Frederick Sposson at four and one half per cent.

Collection of Town North district.

The collection of taxes for the North collection district was struck off to Capt. Frederick Sposson at four and one half per cent.

Chose Capt. Frederick Sposson } Collector for South District.

Chose Capt. Frederick Sposson } Collector for North District.

1825

Town Officers

Josiah Woodbury
Samuel Morse
Henry Perley yr.
} Tythingmen

Dr. George W. Sawyer
Moses Gould
Daniel Andrews
Joseph Foster
Henry Perley yr.
Oliver Phillam
Asa Perley yr.
Stephen Peabody Esq.
} Surveyors

Deac. Parker Spofford
Capt. Aaron Spofford
Peter Peart
Manly N. Cole
Richard Morse
Luke Movey
} of Highways.

Capt. Samuel Perley
Stephen Peabody Esq.
Manly N. Cole
John Gould
} Fence viewers.

Oliver Peabody
Asa Stiles
Plineus Perley
Samuel Thimball 3d
Isaac Barker
Plineus Perley yr.
Col. Charles Peabody
} Field drivers.

* Nathaniel Dorman } Pound keepers.
Benjamin Peart }

Gen. Solomon Low
Daniel Shelnews
Ens. Samuel Thimball
Samuel W. Clement } Surveyors of Lumber

Benjamin Peart
Col. Charles Peabody } Measurers of Wood

Town Officers.

School Committee.

Francis Curtis } 1st District
Samuel Peabody } 2d. District
Oliver Wood } 3d. District.
Asa Perley jr. } 4th District.
Samuel Spofford } 5th District.
Daniel Wood
† Capt. George Peart } 6th District.
Benjamin Peabody }

Capt. Amos Thimball
William H. Carleton
William Perley
John Gould
A. M. Foster
Thomas Perley jr. } Hog reeves.

* Excuse & David Bixby chosen.
† Excuse & Daniel Mitchel chosen.

Votes for County Treasurer.

Nathaniel Wade Esq. had all the votes for County Treasurer, being 37.

Schools.

Voted to raise $500 for the support of Schools the ensueing year.

Voted to appropriate one fourth part of said sum for a womans school.

Amendment of Highways

Voted to raise $1000 for the repairs and amendments of the Highways and Town roads the present year.

Voted that said sum be assessed and paid, ~~in~~ in the same manner as formerly

Allowance for labour

Voted to allow a man per day (working on the roads) one dollar; for a yoke of oxen, one dollar; for a cart, forty cents, and for a plough one dollar per day while used on said ways.

Cattle &c. restrained

Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses and horned kine from going at large within the limits of the town, from the 4th day of April 1825 to the 20th day of November of the same year.

Swine restrained.

Voted to restrain swine from going at large the ensueing year.

Voted to pass over the 8th Article in the Warrant

Abatement

Voted to abate one dollar and twenty cents of the tax set to Wid. Obeb Derby for the year 1824.

J. Bacon set off

Voted to set off John Bacon with his estate from the fifth school district and annex him to the sixth.

Allowance for transcribing books.

Voted to allow John Bacon ten dollars for recording births and deaths for the municipal year 1823. and for transcribing and arranging the records of births and deaths from the old Books.

1825.

Bills of Charge.

Voted to allow a bill of charge presented by Moses Dorman Esq. for services as one of the Board of Selectmen and Assessors for the political year 1824 - it being $28.75 cts. and is in full for 28 days services and for 75 cts, worth of paper.

Voted to allow a bill of charge presented by Simeon Pearl of $23.00 cts. for his services as Selectman and Assessor for the political year 1824 and is in full for 23 days services

Voted to allow a bill of charge presented by Capt. Aaron Passford of $23.00 cts for his services as Selectman and Assessor for the political year 1824, and is in full for 23 days services.

Voted to allow a bill of charge presented by Oliver Peabody of $9.36 for one hundred and fifty six of three inch plank at six cents per foot, for Fish brook bridge, so called.

Voted to

Dissolve the

Meeting.

1825.

Account of the Officers who have taken their oaths of office for the year 1825 and the time when, and also the office

April 4 John Bacon } Town Clerk — oath before Moses Dorman Esq. and the certificate is filed.

April 4 Samuel Moore } Scythesman — before D. Clerk.

April 4 Capt. Samuel Perley } Constable, before the D. Clerk.

April 4 Capt. John Merrill } Constable, before the D. Clerk.

April 4 Dr. George W. Sawyer } Surveyor of Highways — D. Clerk.

April 4 Asa Perley jr. } Surveyor of Highways — D. Clerk.

April 4 Stephen Peabody Esq } Surveyor of Highways — D. Clerk.

April 4 Capt. Aaron Spofford } Surveyor of Highways — D. Clerk.

April 4 Peter Peart } Surveyor of Highways — D. Clerk.

April 4 Manly N Cole } Surveyor of Highways — D. Clerk.

April 4 Manly N Cole } Hence viewer — D. Clerk.

April 5 Luke Wyer } Surveyor of Highways — D. Clerk.

April 4 Stephen Peabody Esq. } Hence viewer — D. Clerk.

April 4 John Gould } Hence viewer — D. Clerk.

April 4 Oliver Peabody } Field Driver — D. Clerk.

April 4 Phineas Perley } Field Driver — D. Clerk.

April 4 Samuel Nimball 3d } Field Driver — D. Clerk.

April 4 Isaac Barker } Field Driver — D. Clerk.

April 6 Phineas Perley jr. } Field Driver — D. Clerk.

April 4. Ens. Samuel Nimball } Surveyor of Lumber — D. Clerk.

April 4. Samuel W. Clement } Surveyor of Lumber — D. Clerk.

April 4. Benjamin Peart } Measurer of Wood — D. Clerk.

April 4. William Perley } Hog reeve — D. Clerk.

April 4. John Gould } Hog reeve — D. Clerk.

April 16. Capt. Frederick Spofford } Collector of taxes — D. Clerk.

April 16. John Bacon } Selectmen & Assessors before Stephen Peabody justice of the Peace, and the certificate filed.

April 16 Gen. Solomon Low } Selectman & Assessor & Surveyor Lumber [illegible] before the [illegible] D. Clerk.

April 16. Asa Porter } Selectman & Assessor D. Clerk.

16 Deacon Parker Spofford } Surveyor of Highways D. Clerk.

May 10. Capt. Samuel Perley } Hence viewer — D. Clerk.

May 10. Benjamin Peart } Sealer of Weights & Measures D. Clerk.

May 31 Richard Moore } Surveyor of Highways — D. Clerk.

1825.
April 4.

At a legal town meeting held in the Meeting house of the second parish in Dorchester the fourth day of April A.D. 1825 being the first Monday of said month, for the purpose of giving in the votes of the qualified electors, for a Governor Lt. Governor and Senators and Counsellors agreeably to the Constitution of this Commonwealth;

State Officers

The votes being sorted and counted, and declaration thereof made, were as follows:

	No. votes	
Hon. Levi Lincoln	48	Governor
" Samuel Lathrop	3	
" Samuel Goodale	1	
Hon Marcus Morton	49	Lt. Governor
" Amos Whitcomb	1	
" Samuel Hubbard	1	
Hon Nathaniel Silsbee	56	Senators
" Nathan Noyes	31	
" Moses Wingate	33	
" John Prince	56	
" John G. Wing	39	
" Stephen White	23	
" Edward D. Brand	5	
" William Reed	1	
Joseph Farley Esq	38	and Counsellors
Amos Spaulding Esq	20	
Asa D. Newhall Esq	29	
John Merrill Esq	19	
James W. Duncan Esq	1	

1825.
May 10.

Represent. tive Meeting.

At a legal town meeting held in the meeting house of the second parish in Boxford, on Tuesday the tenth day of May A.D. 1825, at one o, clock. P.M. for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent the town in the General Court to be convened and held in Boston on the last wednesday of May instant—

Voted to dispense with choosing a Representative the present year.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

May Town Meeting.

Money raised for town charges.

Report of committee on donation of Hon. A. Wood.

At a legal town meeting held in the meeting house of the second parish in Boxford on Tuesday the tenth day of May A.D. 1825, at three o, clock. P.M. the following votes were passed viz.

Chose Col. Charles Peabody Moderator.

Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to defray the charges of the town charges the current year.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to manage, lease and improve the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood; which report was in the following words viz.

"The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of improving, leasing and managing the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq. for and towards the support of a Grammer school — Ask. leave to report: that on the 18th. of April last past, they received and paid over to the treasurer of the town of Boxford ninetyeight dollars and eightyeight cents, being a part of one years interest due on $2061. 25 their

May meeting continued.

being #24.79 still due: on the second and ninth day of May received the last mentioned sum; and on the 7th day of May inst. paid it over to the Treasurer, making #123.67 being one years interest on the above mentioned #2061.25 the total ammount of all sums committed to their care.

The principle is now secured by bond as follows viz:

bond. #	
223.50	Capt. Abraham Perley, secured by a Mortgage deed of 25 or 30 acres of land.
300.	Col. John Brocklebank, sureties: Maj. Paul Dole & Samll Brocklebank.
100.	Capt. Asa Broadstreet: sureties Col. John Brocklebank and Maj. Paul Dole.
200.	Jonathan Foster Esq., secured by a Mortgage of nine acres of land.
200.	Moses Sprofford, sureties Benjamin Sprofford and Abel Sprofford
287.25	Frederick Sprofford, sureties Stephen Sprofford and Samuel Sprofford.
100.	Nathaniel Dorman, sureties Timothy Dorman and Moses Dorman Esq.
119.50	Solomon Wood secured by a Mortgage of three acres of land.
100.	Andrew Horner, secured by a Mortgage of seven and half acres of land.
100.	Capt. Elisphalet Chaplin, sureties Nathaniel Nelson and Asa Nelson.
100.	Abel Sprofford, sureties Moses Sprofford and Lt. Leonard Carleton.
70.	Daniel Adams Esq. sureties Jonathan Foster Esq. and Samuel Wood.
61.	Nathaniel Nelson, sureties Nathan Phillips and Asa Dingry.

Thomas Perley
Stephen Sprofford
Israel Adams

Boxford May 10. 1825.

Voted to accept and confirm the report of the Selectmen respecting revising the jury box, which report was in the following words viz.

"Report of revision of the Jury box.

The following is a list prepared by the Selectmen of Boxford comprising those persons who in their judgement are well qualified to serve as jurors, and their names are placed in the jury box accordingly viz.

Revision Jury Box

Phineas Barnes	Samuel Thimbell.
Seth Burnham	Josiah Thimbell
John Bacon	Solomon Low
Samuel W. Clement	Stephen Peabody.
John Day	Charles Peabody
Moses Dorman	Artemas W. Perley
Daniel Foster	Benjamin Peart
Jonathan Foster	Ancill Stickney.
Asa Foster	Aaron Sprofford
John Gould	John Tyler
Thomas S. Hovey.	Jeremiah Young.

All which is submitted to said town for their revision alteration and confirmation.

Dated at Boxford the tenth day of May A.D. 1825.

John Bacon
Solomon Low
Asa Foster
} Selectmen of Boxford

May meeting Continued.

Voted to accept, establish and confirm the town road laid out by the Selectmen on the 29th. day of April last from the great Oak. tree, to the town road near the house of Nathan Dresser - which road was laid out and reported to the town in the following words viz.

Road laid out and Accepted

"Report.

We the subscribers, met the 29th. day of April A.D. 1825. and agreeable to a request of a large number of citizens, inhabitants and freeholders within the town of Boxford, have laid out a town road or way from the Oak. tree at the junction of the Haverhill and Andover roads, in a southerly direction to the town road near the house of Nathan Dresser as follows viz.

Beginning at a stake and stones on the southerly side of said Andover road, thence running south 24½ degrees west (by the needle) 62 rods and 12 links to a stake and stones on the southerly side of the Mill stream of Capt. Elisphalet Chaplin; thence south 8 degrees west 27 rods to a stake and stones on a hill; thence south 3½ degrees west 28 rods to a stake and stones on a knoll; thence south 8½ degrees East 17 rods and 7 links to a stake and stones on the northerly end of a ridge; thence south 13½ degrees east 7 rods and 9 links to a stake and stones; thence south 2 degrees west 7 rods and 22 links to a stake and stones; thence south 27 degrees east 3 rods and 16 links to a stake and stones; thence south 34 degrees east 2 rods and 15 links to a stake and stones, thence south 2 degrees west 23 rods to a stake and stones; thence south 12 degrees west 62 rods and 14 links to a stake and stones, thence south 26 degrees east 35 rods and 7 links to a stake and stones, thence

South 25 degrees east 21 rods and 2 links to a stake and stones on the northeasterly side of the town road near the house of Nathan Dresser.

Said road or way to be three rods wide from the said Andover road to the ridge, and from the northerly end of said ridge to the southerly end thereof, to be two and one half rods wide; and from the southerly end of said ridge to the town road near the house of Nathan Dresser, to be three rods wide.

Said ~~described~~ road or way to lay on the westerly side of said described bounds.

Note — Said road or way lays on land of

	rods	links
Stephen Upsford	71	12
Dea. Bradstreet Dyer	80	4
Gen. Solomon Low	80	14
Capt. Ancill Stickney	35	7
Nathan Dresser	21	2
Whole length	288	14

Boxford April 29. A.D. 1825, and to be submitted to the town at their meeting May 10. 1825.

John Bacon
Solomon Low
Asa Foster
} Selectmen of Boxford.

N.B. The vote on the acceptance of the above road passed in the affirmative, 63 voting for it and 54 against it.

Attest
John Bacon
Town Clerk.

1825.

May Meeting Continued.

Voted to allow a bill of charge of $3. presented by Aaron Perley, for attending a court of sessions in March A.D. 1823.

Voted to allow a bill of charge of 96 cents, presented by Capt. Jeremiah Young for boarding Stephen Sessions –

Bills of Charge.

Voted not to allow a bill of charge presented by Deacon Parker Sprafford.

Voted to allow a bill of charge of $5. presented by Mark H. Cobb for repairing a bridge above the house of John Bacon.

Voted to allow a bill of charge of 70 cents presented by John Gould for serving an order of notice on E. Perley when he had a guardian appointed

Voted not to allow a bill of charge presented by Israel Adams..

Voted not to allow a bill of charge presented by Moses Dorman Esq.

Voted to allow a bill of charge presented by Amos Perley of $9. 50 for services on roads & at courts & 3 days work. on the hill above the house of John Bacon

Meeting dissolved.

1825.
Meeting in June 29.

At a legal town meeting held in the Meeting house of the second parish in Boxford, on Wednesday the 29th day of June A.D. 1825.

Chose Capt. John Merrill Moderator.

Vacancies filled.

Chose David Bixby, Pound keeper in the first parish to fill the vacancy occasioned by the nonacceptance of Nath. Dorman, who was chosen into that office at the annual meeting.

Chose Daniel Mitchel, for a School Committee man in the sixth district, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the nonacceptance of Capt. George Peart who was chosen into that office at the annual meeting.

Mr. Withington.

Voted on the 3d. Article that it is the opinion of the town that Moses Withington ought to be taxed as Guardian of Widd. Deborah Averill.

Wm. Potter road.

Chose Gen. Solomon Low, John Baron and Capt. John Merrill as agents to defend against the road petition prayed for by Wm. Potter and others — Voted that the said agents be instructed to use all fair and honourable means to prevent the location of the said road.

Jaspers.

Voted on the 5th Art. that the Overseers take charge of the matter as they think proper.

Road near Meetinghouse in 2d. Parish

Voted on the 6th Art. To choose a Committee to lay out a road three rods wide, as expressed in the 6th Art. in the warrant, provided the Court of Sessions will accept it instead of the old road from J. S. Howe's to the Meeting house (or from the starting point near said Howe's to the Meeting house) and provided no damage be awarded on said old road, or that all damages awarded be relinquished.

Chose John Baron Gen. Solomon Low and Capt. John Merrill a Committee for the above purpose.

Voted that said committee be instructed to attend the ~~next~~ Court of Sessions & use their influence to have the said new road accepted instead of the old one.

A Meeting Dissolved.

1825. July 9. At a legal town meeting held in the Meeting house of the second parish in Boxford, on Saturday the 9th day of July A.D. 1825.

Chose Capt. Samuel Perley, Moderator.

Voted, unanimously, That the Selectmen, viz. John Baron Gen. Solomon Low and Asa Foster, be nominated and appointed agents in behalf of the town to defend against the suits commenced against the town by Moses Dorman Esq. Parker Stafford Esq. and Israel Adams.

Voted on the 3d article, That the Selectmen, viz John Baron Gen. Solomon Low and Asa Foster be authorized to contract in behalf of the town for making the Dresser or Hickory road, so called, through land of Stephen Stafford and Deacon Benjamin Tyler on the best terms they think proper. The said vote passed unanimously.

Voted that this meeting be

Dissolved.

At a legal town meeting held in the Meeting
house of the second Parish in Boxford on
Monday the 1st. day of Jan. A.D. 1823.

Art. 1st. Chose Capt. Josiah Kimball Moderator.

2d. Chose George Peart Town Clerk in room
and stead of Major John Bacon Esq.
deceased. and Daniel Wood Selectman.

3d Voted to abate 3/4 of the Town State and
County tax of Mr. Rufus Burnham set
to him in 1823 in the list of Collector
Oliver Foster deceased and now in the hands
of Collector Jonathan Foster Esq.

4th. Voted that the Selectmen viz.
Gen. Solomon Low Asa Foster and
Daniel Wood be a committee to meet
the county committee appointed to
widen and straighten the road from
the centre Schoolhouse in Rowley through
Boxford and into Andover.

Voted that this meeting be

Dissolved.

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At a legal town meeting held in the meetinghouse of the first Parish in Boxford on Monday the third day of April A.D. 18

Chose — Capt. Josiah Thimbell — Moderator
" Charles Peabody — Town Clerk

Chose — Capt Josiah Thimbell
Daniel Wood
Benjamin Pearl
} Selectmen & Assessors

Chose — Capt Ancill Stickney — Treasurer

Chose — Capt Samuel Perley jr
Thomas S Hovey —
} Constables

Town Offices

Chose — Capt Jacob Gould
Samuel Morse
Henry Perley jr.
} Tythingmen

Chose — Capt. Jacob Gould
" Capt. Joseph Symonds
" Phineas Foster
" Lieut. John Towne jun
" Gen. Solomon Low
" John Sawyer
" Artemas W. Perley
" Nathan Dresser
" Moses Bradstreet
" Benjamin Robinson
" Lieut. Richard Spofford
" Stephen Pike
" Daniel Herriman
" Dea. John Day
} Surveyers of Highways

Chose — Capt Samuel Perley jr
" Aaron Perley
" Amos Carlton
" Gen. Solomon Low
" Samuel W. Clement
" } Fence viewers

Chose — Francis Curtis
" Simeon Stiles
" Francis Hood
" Samuel Thimball 3d
" Isaac Barker
" Capt. Josiah Thimball
" Phineas Perley
" } Field drivers

Chose — Daniel Bixby
" Benjamin Peal } Poundkeepers

Chose — Charles Peabody
" Daniel Andrews
" Samuel W. Clement
" Ens. Samuel Thimball } Surveyors of Lumber

Voted To choose one school committee at large and one in each school District & that they adhere strictly to the late act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth in regard to schools —

Chose — Rev. Peter Easton D.D. — at large
" Samuel Thillam
" — Rev. Isaac Briggs
" Oliver T. Peabody
" — Phineas Barnes
" — Capt Amos Thimball
" — Ens. Enos Runnels
" Ens. Samuel Thimball 7th
" } School Committee

Chose — Capt Amos Thimball
Bradstreet Tyler jun
Amos Perley
Oliver Peabody
Oliver Thillam
John Hale } Hogreeves

Voted To let out the collection of taxes to the highest bidder — North collection District struck of to Mr. Phineas Barnes at 5 pr centum —
South collection struck of to Phineas Barnes at 5 pr centum

Chose Phineas Barnes Collector of Taxes

Voted To raise five hundred dollars for the support of schools —
— To appropriate one third for the of common schools

collection of taxes

Money raised for Schools

Money raised for highways

Voted – To raise one thousand dollars for repairs & amendment of highway and appropriate the same as last year

Cattle restrained

Voted – That Cattle, Horses, & neat kind be restrained from going at large from the 20th of April to the first of November – –

Voted – That swine do not go at large the ensuing year

Voted – To pass over the ninth article – –

Votes on the division of the County

The votes on the question shall a new County be formed of the north part of the County of Essex to be called the County of Merrimack – were Nays – ninety five

Voted – To oppose the road pray'd for by John Adams Esq and others by all fair & honourable means

Chose – Capt Amos Kimball, Gen. Solomon Low, Capt. Samuel Perley } Committee

Voted – That Mrs Abigail Cole be allow to work one half of her highway taxes on her private road – –

Votes for County Treasurer – Nathaniel Wade Esq twenty – For Register of deeds – Amos Choate Esq – twenty one

Bills of Charge

Voted – To allow a bill of charge to Joseph Foster for plank and timber for repairing the bridge accross the brook $8.4

Voted – To allow a bill of charge to Capt George Pearl for recording births & deaths – – $2.24

Voted – To allow Oliver Killams bill of charge for plank & timber for a bridge – – – $5.19

Voted – To allow Manly H. Coles bill of charge for repairing the road removing stones &c – $17.63

Meeting adjourned

Meeting adjourned to May 8th at one o'clock in the afternoon – –

At a legal townmeeting held in the Meetinghouse of the first Parish in Boxford the third day of April AD 1826 being the first Monday of said month for the purpose of the qualified electors of said town to give in their votes for Governor Lieut Governor Counsellors & Senators agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth - - -

Sate Officer

The votes being sorted counted & declaration thereof made were as follows - - -

		no. votes	
His Excellency	Levi Lincoln	30	For Governor
Hon	Samuel Hubbard	24	
Hon	James Loyd	1	

Hon	Thomas L. Winthrop	29
Hon	Samuel Hubbard	2
Hon	Leverett Saltonstall	2
	Alden Bradford Esq	11

For Lt. Governor

Hon	John Pickering	18
Hon	Stephen White	27
	Asa T. Newhall Esq	27
	Israel Trask	27
	Amos Spaulding Esq	26
	Caleb Cushing Esq	27
Hon	John Prince	30
	Stephen W. Marston Esq	17
	Stephen Barker Esq	2
	Winthrop Sargent	8
	Moses Little	9
Hon	Stephen Barker	6
	Stephen Prince	1

Senators & Counsellors

Adjournment of the meeting from April 3d - May 8th 1826

Voted - To allow a bill of charge to Daniel Wood for sundry items of services for the town as Selectmen — 6, 25

Voted - To allow a bill of charge to Asa Foster for serving as Selectmen the year past — 25 30

Bills of Charge Voted - To submit a bill of charges presented by Capt Abraham Perley to the Selectmen —

Voted - To allow a bill of charge to David Cummings Esq in the case of Bradford & Baxter —

Voted - To allow a bill of charge to Asael Huntington for services in the case of Mary Bacon —

Voted To allow a bill of charge to John Bacon Esq for part of one years service as Selectman — $30. 07

Voted - To allow a bill of charge to Gen Solomon Low for one years service as Selectman & overseer of the Poor — $82. 85

Voted - To allow Israel Adams bill of charg for six years service as Committee in managing the estate Services to the town by Hon Aaron Wood — $6. 00

Voted - To allow a bill of charge to Stephen Shepherd for three years service as Committee for managing the estate services to the town by the Hon Aaron Wood

Meeting Dissolved

At a legal town meeting held in the meeting house of the first Parish in Boxford on Monday the eight day May A.D. 1824

Chose - Capt. Josiah Kimball Moderator

Money raised

Voted - To raise the sum of twelve hundred dollars to defray the necessary charges of the Town the current year

Voted - To accept the report of the Committee appointed to manage and improve the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr. —

Thirty fourth annual report —

Report of Committee

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of leasing managing and improving the estate devised to the Town by the Hon Aaron Wood Esqr towards the support of a Grammar School forever - Ask leave to report - that on the 17th day of April last the various persons that hold and improve the sums loaned paid one years interest then due thereon amounting to $123,67 and soon after it was paid over to the Treasurer of the town of Boxford to be applied to the purposes of the devise - The whole sum of the principal loaned continues to be $2061,25 and which is now held improved and secured in manner following Viz)

Abraham Perley secured by a mortgage of twenty five acres of land — $323,50

Solomon Wood secured by a mortgage of three acres of land — 119,50

Andrew Horner secured by a mortgage of seven acres & half and thirty two poles of land — 100,00

Moses Spofford sureties, Benjn Spofford and Abel Spofford — 200,00

Frederick Spofford — Sureties { Stephen Spofford & Samn Spofford — 287,25

Asa Broadstreet — John Brocklebank & Paul Dole Jr } sureties — 100,00

Abel Spofford — Moses Spofford & Leonard Carlton } sureties — 100,00

Nathaniel Dorman — Timothy Dorman & Moses Dorman } Sureties — 100,00

Benjamin Winter — Nathaniel Nelson & Benjamin Little } Sureties — 200,00

Corrd over

	Amount brought forward		1530 25
Nathaniel Wilson —	Nathaniel Morse & Benjamin Winter	Sureties —	$61 00
Elisabeth Chaplin —	Nathaniel Nelson & Asa Nelson	Sureties —	100 00
Daniel Adams —	Israel Adams & Jonathan Foster	Sureties —	70 00
John Brocklebank —	Paul Dole Jr & Sam[l] Brocklebank	Sureties	300 00
			$2061 25

Report of Committee

Much information relating to the fund may be obtained from the Records of the Town, but there are many persons who do not find it convenient to make the search — For the information of such persons, the Committee by their report of May 1820 attempted to give a short account of the origin of this Fund, and of the measures taken by the Town at the reception thereof, with the subsequent management to the time of that report. — Since that report the business has been attended with the usual success. Since the first appointment of a Committee in 1791 they have not found it necessary to have recourse to any Legal process, or to be at any cost for Legal information. It may appear from the preceding report that those persons who have improved the principal by the payment of the interest, as it became due have maintained an almost invariable punctuality deserving honourable notice. It may also appear that there has not been any loss of principal or interest since the estate came under the care of the Committee and that through their hands within the last 34 years has been paid into the Treasury more than $42 00 derived from the devise of a deceased Benefactor. — And that during the same time, the whole cost to the town has not exceeded $102 being rather less than 2½ per centum on the money actually received & paid over, including for all the care of the principal. The Committee being fully satisfied with that measure of confidence they have received, do now close their long continued services by presenting their best wishes for the entire preservation of the Fund, for the future peace and prosperity of the Inhabitants of the Town in their corporate capacity, together with all due personal respect for the individual members thereof.

Boxford May 5th 1824

Thomas Perley
Stephen Spofford
Israel Adams

Vote of Thanks

Voted — That the following vote of thanks be inserted on the town record —

Boxford May 6th 1796

In Town meeting assembled Voted That the thanks of the town be given to Thomas Perley Esq. Mr Israel Adams and Stephen Spofford the Committee appointed by the town to take the care and managment of the Donation Devised to said town in the last will and testament of the Hon. Aaron Wood for the use of a Grammar School in said town forever that they have so wisely faithfully & carefully managed the proceeds of said donation that the town has not experienced a cent loss during thirty four years the time of their service in that capacity —

Voted — To choose three discreet persons to take the care and managment of the estate Devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood. ———

Voted — Capt. Amos Kimball
Mr. Perley Jr.
Capt. Aaron Spofford
} Committee

Meeting Dissolved —

At a legal Townmeeting held in the meeting house of the first parish in Boxford on Monday the second day of October A D 1826 ----

Chose Jonathan Foster Esqr Moderator

Voted — To pass over the second article of the warrent at an adjournment of the meting held in the meting hous on Firiday the sixth day of Oct. 1826 of which Capt George Peabody was chosen Clerk pro tem. —

Voted — To choose a committee to dispose of making the road pray'd for by Joseph Chadwick & others

Chose — Thomas S. Hovey
Capt. Amos Thirtell
Benjamin Peabody
Simeon Peabody
Stephen Peabody Esqr
} Committee

Voted — To allow a bill of charge to Stephen Pike for labour in repairing the road — $2,35

Meeting Dissolved

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Boxford in the County of Essex qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court held in the Meetinghouse of the first Parish in Boxford Monday the sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to Congress for Essex north District The whole number of votes given in after being sorted counted and declared were as follows —

	no. votes	
Hon. John Varnum	90	For Representative to Congress —
Hon. Caleb Cushing	5	

At a legal townmeeting held in the Meetinghouse of the first Parish in Boxford on Monday the sixth day of November A D 1826 —

Chose — Capt Amos Kimball — Moderator

Voted — To pass over the second article —

Voted — That the third article relative to the abatement of tax set to Capt Abraham Perley be submitted to the Selectmen —

Voted — To pass over the fourth article

Meeting Dissolved —

1827. April 2

At a legal Town-meeting held in the Meeting-hou of the second Parish in Boxford on Monday the sec day of April A.D. 1827.

Town Officers

Chose Daniel Wood } Moderator

Chose George Pearl } Town Clerk

Chose Samuel W. Clement
Capt. Josiah Kimball
Col. Charles Peabody } Selectmen and Assessors

Chose Capt. Amos Stickney } Town Treasurer

Chose Maj. Samuel Perley
Thomas P. Hovey } Constables

Chose Col. Charles Peabody
Samuel Morse
John Sawyer } Tythingmen

Chose Francis Curtis
Capt. Joseph Symonds
Moses Foreman Esq:
Samuel Towne
Jesse Perley
Asa Foster
Thomas Perley Jun.
William H. Herrick } Surveyors of Highways
Capt. Jacob Batchelder
Isaac Adams
Capt. Amos Kimball
Aaron L. Parker
Seth Burnham
Simeon Pearl

Town Officers

Chose — Gen. Solomon Low
Capt. Jacob Batchelder
Maj. Samuel Riley
Phinias Riley
Daniel Mitchell
} Fence-viewers

Chose — Phinias Barnes
Oliver Dillam
Hanly H. Cole
Isaac Barker
Phinias Perley
Jonas Symonds
Thomas H. Durant
} Field-drivers

Chose — Daniel Bixby
Benjamin Peard
} Pound-keepers

Chose — Gen. Solomon Low
Daniel Andrews
Samuel H. Clement
Capt. Joseph Symonds
Isaac Barker
} Surveyors of Lumber

Voted To choose by ballot five persons to serve as school-committee

School Committee

Chose — Rev. Peter Eaton D.D.
Rev. Isaac Briggs
Capt. Amos Kimball
Maj. Jacob Peabody
Capt. Josiah Kimball
} School Committee

Voted To choose one person in each District within the Town to serve as a Prudential committee

Prudential Committee for Schools

Chose — Capt. Joseph Symonds 1st District
Capt. Jeremiah Young 2d
Dea. Parker Spofford 3d
} Prudential Committee

Asa Perley Jr. 4th
Capt. Aaron Spofford 5th
Benjamin Peabody 6th
} Committee

Chose — Francis Counts
Gen. Solomon Low
Capt. Simeon Cole
Phineas Perley
Benjamin Gifford
John Hale
} Hogreaves

Voted — To let out the collection of Taxes to the lowest bidder, North collection District was struck off to Phineas Barnes at five cents and nine mills per cent,
South collection District was struck off to Phineas Barnes at five cents seven mills per cent

Collection of Taxes

Chose — Phineas Barnes } Collector of Taxes

Voted — To raise five hundred dollars for the support of schools the ensuing year and to appropriate one third part thereof to the support of a womans school

Money raised for Schools

Voted — To raise one thousand dollars for the necessary repairs and amendment of the highways and town ways the ensuing year to be assessed and paid in the same way and manner it was the last year, and that the same allowance be made for a man per day (while working on the roads) for a yoke of oxen, for a cart and for a plough per day while used on said ways

Money raised for Highways

Allowance for Labour

Voted — To restrain neat cattle, horses, and horse kind from going at large within the limits of the town from the fifth of April 1827, to the 20th day of Nov. of the same year

Cattle &c. Restrained

Voted — To restrain swine from going at large within the limits of the town the ensuing year

Swine Restrained

1827

Votes for County Treasurer

Money imbursed to Gould

Instruction to Committee for Donation

Bills of Charge allowed

Votes for County Treasurer were as follows

	No. votes
For William L. Veale	37
For John Pinchard Esq.	2

Voted To reimburse the sum of five dollars to Capt Daniel Gould, being the amount of tax he sustained as Collector of taxes, by the failure of the Eagle Bank in Connecticut

Voted - To authorize the Committee appointed to manage and improve the Donation to the town to receive notes with sureties for that money, instead of bonds, as has been the uniform practice

Voted - To allow a bill of charge to Varnum & How for for Varnums attendance before a Jury $7.00

Voted - To allow a bill of charge of three dollars to Asa Andrews, it being his fees for advice &c. at the Court of Sessions April, 1826. $3.00

Voted - To allow a bill of charge presented by Capt. Amos Kimball for attending the Court of Sessions April term 1826 to oppose the road prayd for by John Adams and others, $2.00

Voted - To allow a bill of charge, of twenty-nine dollars and nine cents presented by Capt. Josiah Kimball for his services within the town, the year past, in the capacity of Selectman and Assessor: For paper furnished for town use; For blank book, postage paid on letters, journeys &c. $29.09

Voted To allow a bill of charge, of twenty-four dollars presented by Daniel Veal for his services in the ordinary business of the town as one of the Selectmen and Assessors for the municipal year of 1826. For journeys to Salem and Bradford, and for cash paid at the Clerks office for a certificate of the Potter road $24.00

Bill of charge Allowed

Voted To allow a bill of charge presented by Daniel Andrews of twenty-one feet yellow oak timber at four dollars per ton, and seventy-seven feet of yellow oak plank at three and a half cents per foot, to repair the footway bridges

$4,79,5

Bills of charge not Allowed

Voted Not to allow a bill of charge forwarded to the town by David Cummins for arguments and services of his on the Petition of William Potter and others, and Chadwick and others ××

$54,00

Voted Not to allow a bill of charge presented by Jonathan Foster Esq. for work on the highway and for pathing snow &c.

Meeting Adjourned

Voted, to adjourn the meeting to Monday the seventh day of May next at two o'clock in the afternoon

1827.

At a legal town meeting held in the Meetinghouse of the second parish in Sherford the second day of April A.D. 1827, being the first Monday of said month for the purpose of the qualified electors of said town to give in their votes for Governor, Lieut Governor, Senators and Counsellors agreeably to the Constitution of this Commonwealth;

The votes being sorted, and counted, and declaration thereof made, were as follows

State Officers

For Governor

	No. votes
His Excel.cy Levi Lincoln	20
Amos Kimball	3
Hon. Samuel Hubbard	3
Hon. Everett Saltonstall	1

For Lieutenant Governor

	No. votes
Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop	19
Jonathan Foster Esq.	3

Senators and Counsellors

	No. votes
Hon. Everett Saltonstall	15
Hon. Gideon Barstow	16
Israel Adams	3
Joseph S. Tyler	3
Moses Chadwick	3
Daniel Wood	1
Goldsmith Bray	2
Aaron Stafford	2
Amos Spaulding	17
Hon. John Merrill	17
William Thorndike	5
Rufus Choat	5
Hon. John Prince	13
Benjamin Merrill	1
Hon. Israel Trask	13
Isaac R. How	1
Hon. Asa T. Newhall	7
Hon. Asa T. Newell	6

1827

May 7th

At a legal town meeting held in the meeting house of the second parish in Boxford on Monday the seventh day of May A.D. 1827. for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent said town in the General Court appointed to be convened and held in Boston on the last Wednesday of May

The votes for a Representative being called for sorted and counted were as follows,

Representative meeting

For	Gen. Solomon Low	29
"	Maj. Jacob Peabody	17
"	Moses Dorman Esq.	2
"	Capt. Jacob Batchelder	1
"	Capt. Amos Kimball	1

For Representative — 65

And Gen. Solomon Low was declared to be chosen.

May 7th 1827. The annual April meeting resumed agreeably to adjournment,

Voted to excuse Sen. Parker Spofford from serving as a Prudential Committee in the third school district, Chose Capt. Jacob Batchelder in his room,
Voted to excuse Benjamin Spofford from serving as Hogreve the current year, Chose Charles Perley in his room,
Voted to excuse Capt. Joseph Symmes from serveing as a Prudential Committee in the first school district Chose Moses Dorman Esq. in his room

Bills of charge Allowed

Voted to allow a bill of charge of fifteen dollars presented by Benjamin Peard for fifteen days service as Selectman and Assessor $15.00

Voted to allow a bill of charge of five dollars presented by Gen. Solomon Low for two days attendance at the C.C. at Salem to oppose a road prayed for by Joseph Chadwick and others, $5.00

Voted to allow a bill of charge of six dollars twenty five cents, for 10 feet of oak timber to repair a Bridge for three and a half days work on said Bridge and one days of oxen $6.25

1827

Bills of charge

Voted to allow a bill of charge of sixteen dollars eighty cents presented by John Sawyer, For attending Ruth Kennels during five weeks sickness, for a journey to Lowell for her Son, for a robe threae, and makeing, cap handkerchief, shirt and ribbon, and for Funeral charges. $16:80

Allowed

Voted to allow a bill of charge of four dollars ninety cents presented by J. S. Hovey for Copy and service of Citation on Micaiah Kimball, for warning town meetings, and notifying town officers $4:90

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

At a legal town meeting held in the meeting house of the second parish in Boxford on Monday the seventh day of May A. 1827.

Chose Seth Burnham } Moderator

Money raised to defray town charges

Voted to raise one thousand dollars to defray the charges of the town the current year

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to take the care of manageing and improving the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood

* Voted to reconsider the vote next above

Meeting adjourned

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the first Monday in April next at four o'clock in the afternoon —

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* The only reason of passing this vote was the want of the signature of one of the Committee who was confined to his house by sickness —

At the May meeting in 1828. it was thought best to have the report above alluded to lodged in the Clerks office, in consequence of its having recd the signature of the other member of the Committee, and as it was an exact transcript of the report made in 1828 —

1828 April

At a legal Town meeting held at the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Boxford on Monday the seventh day of April A.D. 1828

Chose. Capt. Jacob Batchelder } Moderator.

Chose. Phineas Barnes, ... } Town Clerk.

Chose. Capt. Samuel Kimball, Samuel W. Clement, Edmund Barker } Selectmen & Assessors.

Chose. Capt. Amiel Stickney } Treasurer.

Town Officers.

Chose. John Gould, Samuel Morse } Constables.

Chose. Col. Charles Peabody, Sam. Morse, Capt. Jere. Young } Fyfthingmen.

Chose. Sam. Killam, Daniel T. Gould, Dean Andrews, Majr. Jacob Peabody, Henry Perley Jr., John Sawyer Jr., Amos Perley, Dr. Oliver T. Peabody, Oliver Wood, Capt. Aaron Spofford, Israel Foster, Isaac Barker, Jonas Runnels, Bradstreet Tyler Jr., Thomas S. Hovey, William Ross } Surveyors of Highways.

Chose. Genl. Saln. Lowe, Capt. Jacob Batchelder, Majr. Sam. Perley, Phineas Barnes, Daniel Mitchell, Capt. Amos Kimball } Fence Viewers.

1828 April	Chose Daniel Harriman, Thos W Durant, Isaac Barker, Asa Stiles, Oliver Peabody, Nathan Dresser	Field Drivers
Town Officers	× Phineas Perley	× Vote reconsidered afterwards
	Chose David Bixby, Benjn Pearl	Pound Keepers
	Chose Genl Soln Lowe, Daniel Andrews, Capt Joseph Symonds, Saml W Clement, Isaac Barker	Surveyors of Lumber
School Committee	Chose Revd Peter Eaton D.D., " Isaac Briggs, Capt Amos Kimball, Majr Jacob Peabody, Capt Josiah Kimball	School Committee
Prudential Committee	Chose John Gould, Saml Bixby, Capt Jacob Towne, Thos Perley Jr, Peter Pearl, Stephen Peabody Jr	Prudential Committee
Town Officers	Chose Oliver Killam, William H Herrick, Joseph Hale, Joshua S Day, Daniel Mitchell, Moses Dorman Jr, Seth Burnham	Hogreeves
Collecting of Taxes	Voted to let out the collecting of Taxes to the lowest bidder. The North collection was struck off to Capt Jacob Batchelder at four and three fourths pr cent. The South collection was then struck off to Capt Jacob Batchelder at four & three fourths pr cent	

1828 April — Chose Capt. Jacob Batchelder. Collector of Taxes.—

School money — Voted. To raise the sum of Five Hundred dollars for the supp. of the schools the ensuing year. And to appropriate one third part of it for a Womans school.

Money for Repair of highways — Voted to raise one Thousand dollars for the repairs of the highways the ensuing season, and to appropriate it in the same way and manner as it was the last year.

Cattle &c Restrained — Voted. To restrain neat cattle horses and horse kind from going at large from April 7th to Dec. 1st 1828.

Hogs Restrained — Voted To restrain hogs from going at large.

Highway districts Divided — Voted. To divide the highway district of which Simeon Pearl is now surveyor into two districts, as follows. Beginning at the Bradford line near Simsons land, thence by the house of Ebenr Peabody to the corner. Also beginning at Bradford line thence by the house of Enos Runnels. to the School hou. to be considered as one district. And the remaining highway in said district as it now is. the other district

Voted to divide the highway district of which Thomas. S. Hood is now surveyor. in the way the Selectmen shall adjudge best.

Lt. D. Gould removed from 3d. to 2. school District — Voted that Lieut Daniel Gould and his estate be taken from the third school district and annexed to the second school dist.

J. Perley's Tax abated — Voted to abate a poll tax set to Jessee Perley Jr. in Collector Daniel gaulds list for the year 1824.—

Committee man Chosen — Chose. Samuel Peabody. one of the Committee to manage and improve the estate devised to the Town by the Hon Oliver Wood Esq. in place of Asa Perley Jr. deceas.

County Treasurer — Votes for County Treasurer were as follows—

For William. Foster Wade Esq. Fifty votes.

P. Perley dismissed — Voted to reconsider the vote by which Phineas Perley was chosen field driver.

1828 April — Voted to excuse Josiah Woodbury from serving as a Tythingman and chose Capt. Jacob Young in his place —

Bills allowed — Voted to allow a bill of charge presented by Capt. Josiah Kimball, of sixteen dollars for his services as selectman, overseer of the poor &c — — — — — $16—

Voted to allow a bill of charge presented by Saml. W. Clement for twenty eight dollars and five cents for his services as selectman Overseer of the poor &c — $28—05

Voted to allow a bill presented by Daniel Mitchell for work on the highways &c $2—50

Voted to allow a bill presented by Capt. George Pearl for recording Births and Deaths — $2—24

Adjourned — Voted to adjourn the meeting to the first Monday in May next at two O Clock P M —

May 5th 1828 Annual April meeting resumed agreable to adjournment

April meeting closed — Voted. To allow a bill of charge presented by Thomas Perley Esq for serving six years as one of the committee for managing the estate devised to the Town by Hon. Aaron Wood Esq —

Voted to reconsider the vote whereby Lt. Daniel Gould and his estate were taken from the third School district and set to the second —

Meeting dissolved

1828
April

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting house of the first parish in Boxford, the seventh day of April, AD 1828 being the first monday of said month, for the purpose of the qualified electors of said town to give in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators and Counsellors agreeably to the constitution of this Commonwealth —

The votes being sorted and counted and declaration thereof made, were as follows.

His. Excelency Levi Lincoln	29	For Governor
Hon Henry Shaw	12	

State

Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop	41	For Liet. Governor

Officers

Hon. William W. Parrott	22	Senators and Counsellors
William Thorndike Esq	22	
Hon Joseph E. Sprague	23	
Hon John Merrill	42	
James H Duncan Esq	30	
Hon Amos Spaulding	39	
" Gideon Barstow	14	
" Asa T. Newhall	13	
" Stephen White	15	
" Leverett Saltonstall	1	
" Stephen Barker	1	
Rufus Choate Esq	1	

1828 May 5th

At a legal town meeting held in the meeting house of the first parish in Boxford this 5th day of May AD 1828 for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them at the General Court to be convened at Boston the last Wednesday of May.

The votes for a Representative being called for sorted and counted were as follows - (viz)

Representative chosen

For	Genl Solomon Law	43	For Representative
"	Capt Josiah Kimball	26	
"	Thomas Perley Esqr	1	
"	Capt Jacob Batchelder	1	
"	Majr Jacob Peabody	1	
"	Phineas Barnes	1	

And General Solomon Law was declared to be chosen

Meeting dissolved

May meeting

At a legal town meeting held in the meeting house of the first parish this 5th day of May AD 1828 -

Chose John Gould Moderator -

Money raised

Voted to raise five hundred dollars to defray the expences of the town the present year -

Bills taken & taxes assessed

Voted that the Assessors for the time being be instructed to go to the several Inhabitants of the town and take bills of all estate liable to taxation, and that it be done on or before the 20th instant. Also that they Assess the town and county taxes in the month of June -

Committee to remove school house

Voted that the Selectmen together with Capt. Amos Kimball and Mr William Ross be a Committee to remove the school house in the sixth school district and charge the expence to the County

Voted that Daniel Chapman be allowed to work out his highway tax on the road that passes by his house

Voted to pass over the seventh and eighth articles -

1828
May 5th

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee chosen to take the care of managing and improveing the estate devised to the Town by Hon Aaron Wood Esq. which report was in the following words, and figures (viz)

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of managing and improveing the Estate devised to the Town of Boxford by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq. towards the support of a grammar school forever ask leave to Report-

That on the 17th day of April last- the several persons that hold and improve the sums loaned, paid one years interest then due thereon, except Nathl Nelson and Benjamin Winter who paid the day following, amounting to ---- $123.67- and on the 18th day it was paid over to the Treasurer of the town to be applied to the purposes of the Devise-

Report

The whole sum of the principle loaned continues to be- $2061.25- and is now held and secured in manner following

$	c	
323	50	By Capt. Abraham Perley secured by a Mortgage of 25 acres of land
119	50	" Solomon Wood secured by a Mortgage of about 3 acres of land
100	--	" Andrew Horner secured by a Mortgage of about 7½ acres of land
200	--	" Moses Spofford sureties, Benjamin Spofford & Abel Spofford-
287	25	" Frederick Spofford. sureties Stephen Spofford & Samuel Spofford-
100	--	" Asa Bradsheet. sureties, John Brocklebank & Paul Dole Jr.-
70	--	" Daniel Adams sureties Israel Adams & Jonathan Foster Esq-
300	--	" John Brocklebank sureties Paul Dole Jr. & Samuel Brocklebank-
100	--	" Abel Spofford sureties Moses Spofford & Leonard Carleton -
100	--	" Nathaniel Dorman sureties. Timothy Dorman & Moses Dorman- Esq
200	--	" Benjamin Winter sureties Nathl Nelson & Benjn Little Esq
100	--	" Nathaniel Nelson sureties. Joseph Kimball & John Kimball
61	--	" Nathl Nelson sureties Nathl Morse & Benjn Winter-
2061	25	

Boxford May 5th 1828- Amos Kimball
Samuel Peabody
Aaron Spofford - } Committee-

Attest

28..
day 5

Voted to accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen which report was as follows – (viz)

The following is a list prepared by the Selectmen of Boxford comprising those persons who in their judgment are qualified to serve as jurors and their names are placed in the jury box accordingly (viz)

Jurors

Phineas Barnes
Seth Burnham
Edmund Barker
Sam[l] W Clement
John Day
Moses Dorman
Israel Foster
Asa Foster
Thomas S. Hovey
Sam[l] Kimball
Amos Kimball
Josiah Kimball
Stephen Peabody
Charles Peabody
S. M[s] W. Perley
Simeon Pearl
Benj[a] Peabody
Benj[a] Pearl
Sam[l] Perley Jr.
Aaron Stafford
John Tyler
Jere[h] Young

All which is submitted to the town for their revision – alteration and confirmation.

Dated at Boxford this twenty fifth day of April D 1828–

Sam[l] Kimball
Samuel W Clement
Edmund Barker
} Selectmen of Boxford –

Voted to pass over the 10th article – –

Bills

Voted to allow a bill presented by Capt. Joseph Symonds for timber & plank for a bridge – – – – $9 37–

Allowed

Voted to allow a bill presented by Col Charles Peabody for services as Selectman .. Assessor &c – – – – $7 50 – –

Voted to dissolve the meting –

1828.
Augt. 18th

At a legal Town meeting held in the first Parish Meting house in Boxford, this 18th day of Augt. 1828. proceeded to business as follows (Viz)

1st Chose Col. Charles Peabody, Moderator

2d Voted to chose a Committee of three persons to oppose the the road prayed for by Sam.l W. Clemen and others. And Israel Foster Esqr. Capt. Jacob Bate & Capt. Josiah Kimball were chosen the committee for the above purpose.

3d On the request of Samuel Killam and others, for a sufficient sum of money to repair the road over gre hill (so called) near the house of said Killam.

It was Voted that Mr. Amos Perley, Capt. Amos Kimball, together with said Sam.l Killam, be Committee to view and repair said road in a prop manner, with the least possible expence, not exceedin seventy five dollars.

4th Voted to allow a bill of charge in favor of Hon Dan Cummins, for Arguments and advice in the case of a road & in the suit between Bradford & Boxford amounting to $51.—

5th Voted to allow a bill presented by Mr. Asa Foster for plank put on Bridges — — — $8.52—

Voted to dissolve the meting

28 At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Boxford held in the first parish meetinghouse in said town this 13th day of Oct. 1828 for the purpose of taking suitable measures to recover from the County the sums of money paid by said town to individuals for damages assessed to them by the Courts Committee on the road prayed for by Joseph Chadwick and others. They proceeded to business as follows (viz)

1st Chose Stephen Peabody Esq. moderator

2d Voted that Genl Solomon Lowe, Samuel W. Clement and Capt. Samuel Kimball, be a committee to take the charge of said business and to prosecute it to final judgment if they see it.

3d Voted to dissolve the meeting.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Boxford in the county of Essex qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court holden in the Meetinghouse of the second parish in Boxford, on Monday the 3d day of Nov. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to Congress for Essex North District also for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States. The whole number of votes given in were received carried, counted and declared and record thereof made in open town meeting as directed by the resolve passed in June 1828 and were of the following persons. Viz

Hon John Varnum = 58 } Representative to Congress

His Honor Thomas L. Winthrop 57 }
Hon Saml Lathrop 57 } Electors at large

Hon Jessee Putnam — 57 } Elector of Suffolk District.
Hon Stephen White — 57 } Elector of Essex South District
Hon Bailey Bartlett — 57 } Elector of Essex North District
Hon Nathan Chandler 57 } Elector of Middlesex District.
Genl Jonathan Davis 57 } Elector of Worcester South District
Hon Silas Holman = 57 } Elector of Worcester North District
Col Eliel Gilbert — 57 } Elector of Franklin District
Hon Joshua Frost = 57 } Elector of Hampden District

Samuel Jones Esq — 57} Elector of Berkshire District -

Hon Edward H. Robbins — 57} Elector of Norfolk District -

Hon Seth Sprague — 57} Elector of Plymouth District -

Hon Oliver Starkweather 57} Elector of Bristol District

Hon Braddock Dimmick — 57} Elector of Barnstable District

Electors of Pres.t & V. Pres.t

Chose Genl. Saln Law Moderator -

On the request of Jonathan Foster Esq it was voted to abate the taxes set to Solomon Wood for 1823 & 1824 $1.00

Voted not to abate the taxes set to Henry Cressey in 1823 Stephen Hovey and John Foster of Andover for 1824 -

Voted to abate a tax set to Thomas Nelson of Rowley 1824 -

Voted to dissolve the meeting -

1829 April

At a legal Town meeting held in the Meeting house of the second Parish in Boxford on Monday the sixth day of April A. D. 1829.

Chose Phineas Barnes Esq. } Moderator

Chose Benjamin Robinson } Town Clerk

Chose Samuel H. Clement
Capt. Samuel Kimball
Phineas Barnes Esq. } Selectmen and Assessors

Chose Capt. Ancil Stickney } Town Treasurer

Chose John Gould
Samuel Morse } Constables

Town Officers

Chose Col. Charles Peabody
Samuel Morse } Tithingmen

Chose Oliver Peabody
Daniel T. Gould
Samuel Andrews
Maj. Samuel Perley
Gen. Solomon Low
Asa Stiles
Artemis H. Perley
Col. Charles Peabody
* Stephen Spofford
† Isaac Adams
Moses Kimball
Abijah Northey Esq.
Capt. George Pearl
Capt. John Tyler
Samuel Morse
William H. Carleton } Surveyors of Highways

Chose Daniel Andrews
Maj. Samuel Perley
Capt. Jacob Batchelder
William Ross
James Carleton } Fence Viewers

* Excused Samuel Perley chosen
† Excused Samuel Fowler chosen

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Chose Greenleaf Dole, Oliver Killam, Thomas W. Durant, Moses Wilkins, Amos Davis, Phineas Perley — Field Drivers

Chose Benjamin Pearl, Samuel Peabody — Pound Keepers

Town Officers

Chose Capt. Joseph Symonds, Daniel Andrews, Gen. Solomon Low, Samuel W. Clement, Amos Carleton — Surveyor of Lumber

School Committee

Chose Rev. Peter Eaton D.D., Capt. Samuel Kimball, Capt. George Pearl, Phineas Barnes Esq., George W. Sawyer Esq. — School Committee

Prudential Committee for Schools

Chose Peabody Russell, John Sawyer Jr., Capt. Frederic Spofford, Gen. Solomon Low, Capt. John Kimball, Benjamin Peabody — Prudential Committee

Town Officers

Chose Samuel Spofford Jr., Benjamin French, Benjamin Robinson, Capt. Amos Kimball, Aaron L. Parker, Phineas Perley, Johnson Savage — Hogreeves

Collection of Taxes

Voted To let out the collection of taxes to the lowest bidder. The North collection was struck off to Samuel Morse at four and a half per cent. The South collection was struck off to Moses Dorman Jr. at four and ~~three~~ three fourths per cent

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Chose Samuel Morse collector of taxes in the South collection district

Chose Moses Dorman 2d collector of taxes in the South collection district

Money for schools

Voted To raise the sum of five hundred dollars for the support of the schools the ensuing year; to be appropriated in the same way and manner as it was in the year A.D. 1828

Money for repairs of Highways

Voted To raise the sum of one thousand dollars for the repairs of the Highways the ensuing season; to be appropriated in the same way and manner as it was the last year

Money in addition

Voted To raise the sum of two hundred dollars in addition to the sum of one thousand dollars for the repairs of the highways the ensuing season to be appropriated in the same way and manner as above directed

Vote reconsidered

Voted To reconsider the vote passed, to raise the sum of five hundred dollars in addition to the one thousand dollars before mentioned

To restrain cattle &c.

Voted To restrain neat cattle and horses and horse kind from going at large from the sixth of April to the twentieth of Nov. A.D. 1829

Hogs restrained

Voted To restrain Swine from going at large the ensuing year

Roads to be opened when blocked up with snow

Voted That when the highways and town ways are blocked up with snow that the Surveyors of the highways be empowered to order out such help as may be necessary to open the roads allowing twelve and a half cents per hour for a man, and the same sum for a yoke of oxen while employed on said roads, and that they keep a list of the labour so performed and return it to the Selectmen in the month of April to be added to the sum raised for repairing the highways by the town

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to be assessed by them in addition to that sum and that the surveyors for the time being, and that the sums so assessed on their lists be credited to the persons who performed the labo in the winter

County Treasurer

Votes for County Treasurer were as follow for Williams Foster Wade Esq. thirty one votes

Bills Allowed

Voted To allow a bill of charge of nineteen dollars presented by Edmund Burke for his services in the capacity of Selectman and assessor and overseer of the poor the past political year $19.—

Voted To allow a bill of charge of eighteen dollars and seventy four cents ~~in~~ presented by Samuel M. Clement for his services as Selectman and Assessor the past political year, and Journeys to Salem and cash paid for postag of letters, and paper furnishe for the use of the Town $18,74

Voted To allow a bill of charge of twenty nine dollars and fifty cents presented by Capt. Samuel Kimball for services in the capacity of Selectman and Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, and blank books and paper for the use of the town the past political year — $29,50

Voted To allow a bill of charge of three dollars presented by Capt. Amos Kimbal for services on the road near Samuel Williams three half days and three journeys in Septr and Octr A.D. 1828 $3,00

Adjourned

Voted To adjourn the meeting to the second Tuesday in May next at three O'clock in the afternoon

1824 April

At a legal Town meeting held in the Meeting house of the Second Parish in Boxford the sixth day of April A.D. 1824 being the first Monday of said month for the purpose of the qualified electors of said Town to give in their votes for Governor Lieut. Governor Senators and Counsellors agreeably to the constitution of this Commonwealth

The votes being sorted and counted and declaration thereof made were as follows

State officers

His Excellency	Levi Lincoln	47	For Governor
" Hon	Henry Shaw	9	
	Marcus Morton	1	
Hon	Thomas L. Winthrop	56	For Lieut. Governor
Hon.	John Merrill	56	Senators and Counsellors
"	Amos Spaulding	54	
"	Joseph E. Sprague	48	
	James H. Duncan Esq.	57	
	William Thorndike Esq.	32	
	Israel Thorndike	23	
	Rufus Choat Esq.	57	
	Moses Mingate "	1	

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1829
May 12th

At a legal town meeting held in the meeting ho of the second Parish in Boxford this 12th day of May A.D. 1829 for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them at the General Court to be convened at Boston the last wednesday of May

Voted to dispense with sending a Representative the ensuing year

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At a legal town meeting held in the meeting ho of the second parish in Boxford this 12th day of May A.D. 1829

Chose Phineas Barnes Esq. } Moderator.

Money Raised

Voted to raise eight hundred dollars to defray the expenses of the town the present year

Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to take the care of managing and improveing the estate devised to the town by Hon. Aaron Wood Esq. which report was in the following words and figures (Viz)

Report

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of managing and improveing the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq. towards the support of a grammar school forever ask leave to report that on the 17th day of April last the several persons that held and improve the sums loaned with the exception of Moses Spafford and Abel Spafford paid one years interest then due thereon amounting to $105,67 and the same day it was paid over to the Treasurer of the town to be applied to the purposes of the devise

The whole sum of the principal secured continues to be $2061,25. and is held and secured in the following manner

323,50 By Capt. Benham Perley, secured by mortgage of 25 acres of land
119,50 By Solomon Wood, secured by mortgage of about 3 acres of land
100,00 By Andrew Horner, secured by mortgage of 5½ acres of land
87,25 By Frederick Spofford, his sureties are Stephen Spofford & Sam¹ Spofford
100,00 By Asa Broadstreet, his sureties are John Brocklebank and Paul Dole jr.
70,00 By Daniel Adams, decs., his sureties are Israel Adams & Jon² Foster Esq.
100,00 By John Brocklebank, his sureties are Paul Dole jr & Sam¹ Brocklebank
100,00 By Nathaniel Wilson, his sureties are Joseph Kimball & John Kimball
61,00 By Nathaniel Wilson, his sureties are Nathaniel Morse & Benj.ⁿ Winter
66,00 By Benjamin Winter, his sureties are Nathaniel Wilson & Benj.ⁿ Little
50,00 By Simmons Dorman, his sureties are Timothy Dorman & Moses Dorman
100,00 By Abel Spofford, his sureties are Moses Spofford & Leonard Carleton
94,00 By Moses Spofford, his sureties are Benjamin Spofford & Abel Spofford
2061,25

In regard to the note held against Moses Spofford for two hundred dollars, and the one against Abel Spofford for one hundred dollars, the Committee would observe that unexpected events transpired of such a nature in their opinion as render the commencement of suits against them both unadvisable, and they accordingly commenced such suits against both principals and sureties which are now pending. the result of which, however sanguine their hopes may be uncertain

Amos Kimball
Samuel Peabody
Aaron Spofford
} Committee

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1829 May 12th

Selectmen to have the Roadwork

Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to employ hands, to work the road, located by the County Commissioners in the town of Boxford, as petitioned for by Samuel W. Clement and others, to the acceptan and in the time specified by the aforesaid Commission.

Voted to pass over the 5th article in the Warrant

Voted that the 6th article of the Warrant be indefinitely postponed

Bills of Charge

Voted to allow a bill of charge of three dollars presented by Israel Foster for three days attendance on the County Commissioners as one of a committee chosen by the town to oppose a road prayed for by Samuel W. Clement and others in December 1828 . $3,00

Voted to allow a bill of charge of two dollars presented by Capt. Josiah Kimball for serving on the Committe appointed by the town to oppose the road prayed for by Samuel W. Clement and others . $2,00

Voted to allow a bill of charge of three dollars presented by Daniel Andrews for 50 feet. Three white oak plank at 6 cts per foot to repair the bridges near Fosters mills - - - $3,00

Voted to allow a bill of charge of two dollars and fifty cents presented by Amos Perley one of the committee chosen by the town to see to the repairing and amending the road over great hill so called near Samuel Williams. To three journies over to the said hill $2,50

Voted to allow a bill of charge of one dollar and twenty five cents presented by Capt. Samuel Kimball for serving as one of the Committee in viewing and likewise letting out for repair the road leading over great hill - $1,25

Meeting Dissolved

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Meeting Dissolved

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May 12th

The annual April meeting resumed agreeable to adjournment

Voted allow a bill of charge of two dollars and fifty cents presented by Capt Jacob Batchelder for two and a half days attending the Commissioners to lay out a road prayed for by Samuel th Clement and others — $2,50

Voted to excuse Stephen Spafford from serving as surveyor of highways

Chose Samuel Fowler in his room

Voted to excuse Isaac Adams from serving as surveyor of highways

Chose Samuel Fowler in his room

Voted to excuse Capt Jacob Batchelder from serving as fence viewer the ensuing season

Chose Capt Samuel Kimball in his room

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Meeting Dissolved

1829 August 24.

At a legal town meeting held in the Meetinghouse of the second Parish in Boxford this 24. day of August A.D. 1829.

1st Chose Col. Charles Peabody Moderator

2nd Voted unanimously to pass over the second article of the Warrant

3rd Voted to pass over the third article of the Warrant

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Meeting Dissolved

1830 Feb. 22

At a legal town meeting held in the Meeting house in the second Parish in Boxford this 22nd day of February A. D. 1830

1st Chose Samuel H. Clement } Moderator

2nd Voted, to choose by ballot a committee of two persons to attend the Court of Common Pleas next to be holden to defend the town of Boxford on an indictment against them for not keeping in repair the road leading from Merrystylers to the Meeting house in the West Parish in said town

Committee Chose unanimously Capt. John Kimball and Edmund Barker to serve as the committee

Voted, that this committee use all fair and honourable measures to defend the town against the aforesaid indictment

3rd Voted, that the town should make the road prayed for by Peter Pearl and others, agreeable to the direction of the County Commissioners.

Voted, that the Selectmen for the time being be a committee, to let out the making of the road prayed for by Peter Pearl and others, to be made to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.

4th Voted to refer the bill of charges presented by Capt. Abraham Perley, to the Board of Overseers.

Bills of Charges Voted to allow a bill of charges presented by Daniel S. Gould of sixteen dollars and ninety one cents to 1441 feet of 3 inch plank at $10 p. M. used in repairing the bridge near Capt. Symonds mills $14,41 ct. transporting the same from Salem $2,50 cts. $16,91

Voted that this meeting be dissolved

1830 April 5

At a legal meeting of the male inhabitants of Boxford qualified to vote in town affairs held in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in said town this 5th day of April A.D. 1830.

Chose Major Samuel Perley Moderator —

" Phineas Barnes Town Clerk —

Chose — Capt. Samuel Kimball
" George Pearl
Benjamin Robinson Jr. } Selectmen and Assessors —

Chose Capt. Ancill Stickney — Treasurer

Voted to excuse Capt. A. Stickney from serving as Treasurer by his own request

Voted unanimously that the thanks of the Town be given To Capt. Ancill Stickney for the faithfull manner that he has served the Town as Treasurer for thirty years last past in succession —

Chose Capt. Jacob Batchelder — Treasurer & Collector —

Chose Mr. John Gould
" Samd. Morse } Constables —

" Col. Charles Peabody
Majr. Samuel Perley
Mr. Samuel Morse } Tythingmen —

" Capt. Jacob Gould.
" Joseph Symonds.
Moses Dorman Jr.
John Brown.
Genl. Solomon Lowe.
Asa Foster Jr.
Charles Perley.
Nathl. G Spiller.
Sylvester Cummins.
Isaac Adams
Flint Tyler Excused May 10th
Benjn. Pearl
Benjn. Peabody
Dr. John Day
Samd. W Clement
Edwin S Adams.
} Surveyors of Highways —

Town officers —

Chose Peter Pearl instead

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Chose	Capt. Josiah Kimball John Gould Samuel Andrews Amos Carleton Daniel Mitchell	Fence Viewers
" Excused May 10th Chose Francis Curtis	John Gould Samuel Bixby Charles Perley Moses Wilkins Amos Davis Edmund Barker	Field drivers
"	Benjamin French Benjamin Pearl	Pound keepers
"	Daniel Andrews Capt. Joseph Symonds Sam. W. Clement Amos Carleton Dr. Oliver T. Peabody	Surveyors of Lumber
"	Revd. Peter Eaton DD " Isaac Briggs Abijah Northey Esq. Thomas Perley Jr. Moses Dorman Jr.	School Committee
"	Oliver Peabody Saml. Peabody William H. Herrick A. Ward Perley Jr. Jona. Foster Esq. Isaac Hovey	Prudential Committee
"	Oliver Peabody Charles Perley Samuel Bixby Leonard Perley Aaron Emery Jonas Runnels Jessee Runnels	Hog reeves

Town officers

1830 April 5th

Money raised

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the support of schools the ensuing year to be appropriated the same way and manner as the last year

Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the repairs of the highways the ensuing year to be appropriated in the same way it was the last year

Cattle restrained

Voted to restrain neat cattle horses and horse kind from going at large from this day to the 20th day of November next

Voted to restrain swine from going at large all the year

Survey of the Town

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to carry into effect the Resolve of the General Court relative to taking a plan of the Town

Road discontinued

Voted to discontinue the Town road from near the Hearse house in the West Parish in Boxford to the road leading from near the house of Wid Ruth Barker to the Meeting house in said west parish after the first day of November next — and to have it remain as a private way

Request of Col. Parker granted

Voted to allow Col. John Parker of Andover to work out the highway taxes set to him as Guardian of William P. and John C. Henry on the road leading by their house

Manner of Collecting Taxes

Voted — To accept the report of a committee chosen to determine the best method of collecting the Taxes that shall be assessed in the town the ensuing year excepting the highway tax — which was in the words and figures following viz)

That a premium of 6 pr. cent be allowed on all taxes paid in to the Treasurer & Collector, or his deputy within 30 days next after the delivery of the tax bills (which will be on the 15th of Sept. annually;) 4 per cent on all paid within 60 days, and 3 pr. cent on all paid within 120 days And that 90 days after the expiration of the 120 days be allowed to all persons to complete the payment of their taxes after which time it will be the duty of the Treasurer to enforce the collection on all delinquents indiscriminately

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Voted to allow a bill of charge presented by Benjamin Robinson Jr. as Town Clerk, for recording, drawing jurors and other services - - - - - - - - $3.33

Voted to allow a bill presented by Samuel W Clement for services as Selectman and Assessor the past year $42.42

Voted to allow Capt. Samel. Kimball's bill for services as Selectman and Assessor the past year - - - - $24.20

Voted to allow Princes Barnes' bill for services the past year as Selectman and Assessor - - - - - $18.-

Votes for County Treasurer - were as follows - (viz)

For William Foster Wade - Forty five -

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the 2d. Monday in May next. 2 O. clock P.M -

1830 At a legal town meeting held in the Meetinghouse in the first parish in Boxford this fifth day of April A.D. 1830 being the first monday in said month, for the purpose of the qualified electors of said town to give in their votes for Governor, Lieut Gov.r Senators and Counsellors agreable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

The votes being sorted and counted and declaration thereof made were as follows viz.

	His Excellency Levi Lincoln	50	For Governor
	Hon Marcus Morton	9	
State			
	Hon.e Thomas L. Winthrop	50	For Lieut Gov.r
	Nathaniel Willis Esq	8	
Officers	Hon Stephen White	~~50~~ 53	Senators and Counsellors
	" John Merrill	53	
	" Amos Spaulding	48	
	" James H Duncan	52	
	" William Thorndike	52	
	Stephen C Phillips Esq	53	
	Moses Wingate	1	
	Joseph S Cabot	1	

May 10th April meeting resumed agreable to adjournment this 10th day of May being the second Monday of the said month —

Voted to excuse Mr. Flint Tyler from serving as Surveyor of Highways. and chose Peter Pearl in his place —

Voted to excuse John Gould from being a Field driver and chose Francis Curtise in his place —

Voted to allow a bill of charge presented by Asa Foster for plank — put on a bridge — $4.98

Voted to dissolve the meeting —

Representative Meeting Voted to dispense with sending a Representative to the General Court the present year — 28 to 25 —

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May 10th

At a legal Town Meeting held in the Meeting house of the first Parish in Bedford, this tenth day of May A.D. 183[illegible]

Chose. Capt. Jacob Batchelder, Moderator.

Voted. To raise one thousand dollars to defray the expenses of the town the current year.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to contract for the working of the road, prayed for by John Parker and others.

Voted to accept the report of the committee who have had the care and management of the estate devised to the town by the Hon Aaron Wood Esqr. which is in the words and figures following, (viz)

The committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of managing and improving the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esqr, towards the support of a grammar school, ask leave to report that on the 17th day of April last the several persons that held and improve the sums loaned with the exception of Asa Bradstreet, who was a few days later, paid one years interest then due thereon, amounting to $105.67 and the same has been paid over to the Treasurer of the town to be applied to the purpose of the devise.

Report

The whole sum of the principle loaned &c. continues to be $2061.25 and is in part secured in the manner following.

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323.50	By Capt. Abraham Perley secured by a Mortgage of 25 acres of land
119.50	" Solomon Wood, secured by Mortgage of three acres of land
100.—	" Andrew Horner, secured by Mortgage of 7½ acres of land
287.25	" Frederick Shofford, his sureties are Samuel Shofford & Stephen
100.—	" Asa Bradstreet his sureties are John Brocklebank & Paul Daley
70.—	" Daniel Adams, Sureties. Israel Adams & Jona Foster.
300.—	" John Brocklebank. sureties Paul Daley & Samel Brocklebank
100.—	" Nathaniel Dorman. sureties Timothy Dorman & Moses Dorman
61.—	" Nathaniel Nelson sureties Nathl Morse & Benjamin Winter.
200.—	" Benjamin Winter sureties. Nathl Nelson & Benja Little.
100.—	" Nathaniel Nelson sureties Joseph Kimball & John Kimball.

1830 Executions for the sum of three hundred dollars with interest
thereon and costs were obtained by the committee against
Moses & Abel Stafford in June 1829 and in July following
were paid on their ands and we presume returned satisfied
The consequence is your committee are considerably in
debt, but the whole concern at present is unsettled

Boxford May 10th 1830

Amos Kimball
Samuel Peabody
Aaron Stafford
} Committee

Meeting dissolved

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town
of Boxford, in the County of Essex, qualified according to
the constitution to vote for Representatives in the General
Court holden in the Meetinghouse of the first parish in
Boxford, the first day of November, being the first Monday
of said Month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and thirty for the purpose of giving in their votes
for a Representative ~~to the~~ of said Commonwealth in the
Congress of the United States for the Essex north District, The
whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded
and declaration thereof made as by law is directed, and
were for the following persons

For Hon James. H. Duncan 52 votes
" " Caleb Cushing 2 "
" " Ethen W Merston 2 "
" " John Merrill 1 "

Turn over

The remaing part of the Warrant for November meeting was resumed and

Capt. John Killam was chosen Moderator

It was then voted Unanimously to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, which was in the words & figures following

The following is a list prepared by the Selectmen of Boxford, comprising those persons who in their opinion are well qualified to serve as Jurors, and their names are placed in the box accordingly (viz)

Daniel Andrews	Benjamin Peabody
Phineas Barnes	Henry Perley Junr
Jacob Batchelder	Samuel Perley Junr
Edmund Barker	Oliver F. Peabody
John Day	Simeon Pearl
William Farnham	Peter Pearl
Thomas S Hovey	Samuel S Reynolds
Solomon Low	John Tyler
Abijah Northey	Bradstreet Tyler Junr
Jacob Peabody	Jacob Towne
Charles Peabody	Jerch Young

All which is submitted to said town for their revision, alteration, and confirmation

Boxford Novr 1st 1830

Samuel Kimball
George Pearl
Benjamin Robinson Junr
} Selectmen of Boxford

Meeting d[illegible]

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Boxford in the County of Essex qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court holden in the meetinghouse of the second parish in said town on Monday the 3d day of January AD 1831. [illegible] for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Essex North district.

The whole number of votes given in were sorted and counted and declaration thereof made as by law is directed and were for the following persons viz

[illegible] Caleb Cushing — 45
Stephen W Marston Esq — 41
Gayton P. Osgood Esq — 3
Hon James H Duncan — 1

[illegible]

April 4th 1831

At a legal meeting of the male inhabitants of the town of Boxford held in the meetinghouse in the second Parish this 4th day of April A.D. 1831.

Town Officers

Chose Phineas Barnes Esq. Moderator

Chose Benjamin Robinson jr. Town Clerk

Chose Thomas S. Hovey
" Capt. Samuel Kimball
" Moses Dorman jr.
} Selectmen Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Chose Capt. Jacob Batchelder Treasurer

Chose John Gould
" Samuel Morse
} Constables

Chose Col. Charles Peabody
" Maj. Samuel Perley
" Samuel Morse
} Tythingmen

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Town Officers

Chose Francis Curtis
" Capt. Joseph Symonds
" Thomas Lewsbury
" Capt. Samuel Kimball
" Jesse Perley
" Oliver Tilton
" Samuel Goodale
" Capt. Ezekiel Hickney
" Capt. Jacob Towne
" Samuel Safford
" Ephraim F. Cole
" Greenleaf Dole
" Samuel S. Reynolds
" Daniel Wood
" Amos Carleton
" John C. Foote
" *William Tyler

} Surveyors of Highways

* Chosen at the adjournment in may

Chose Gen. Solomon Low
" Col. Charles Peabody
" Samuel Tilton
" Daniel Mitchell
" Seth Burnham

} Fence Viewers

Chose William H. Merrick
" Nathaniel Dorman
" Phineas Barnes Esq.
" Moses Kimball
" Daniel Hosmer
" Em. Thomas W. Dunn

} Field Drivers

Chose Benjamin French
" Benjamin Pearl Esq.

} Pound Keepers

Chose Daniel Andrews
" Gen. Solomon Low
" Amos Carleton
" Samuel W. Clement
" Henry C. Sullivan

} Surveyors of Lumber

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Chose Rev. Peter Eaton D.D. .. Rev. Moses Briggs .. Elijah Northey Esq. .. Capt. Thomas Perley jr. .. Moses Dorman jr. } School Committee

Chose Francis Curtis .. Capt. Samuel Kimball .. Jacob Towne .. Henry Perley jr .. Flint Taylor .. Thomas S. Hovey } Prudential Committee

Chose Capt. Samuel Kimball .. Samuel Peabody .. Ephraim Cole .. Capt. William Farnham .. Jamel Hosmer .. Timothy Robinson .. Samuel Hall } Hog Reeves

Officers Chosen

Voted To raise five hundred dollars for the support of schools the ensuing year to be appropriated in the same way and manner as the last year

Voted To raise one hundred and fifty dollars (in addition to the five hundred before mentioned) for the support of a woman school the ensuing year

Voted To raise one thousand dollars for the necessary repairs of the highways and town ways the ensuing year to be appropriated in the same manner as the last year

Voted To restrain neat cattle, horses, and horse kind from going at large the ensuing year from this day to 20th of November

Voted That swine be restrained from going at large the whole year

Voted To pass over the 7th & 8th articles until afternoon

Voted There shall be furnished by the town six blank books each to contain two quires of ruled paper for the use of the several school districts

Voted To choose a committee of one person to procure six blank books each to contain two quires of ruled paper for the use of the several school districts at the expence of the town

Chose Capt. Josiah Kimball Committee

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Voted That all the Teachers of the schools shall be required to keep books, which shall be furnished at the public expense and shall remain the property of the district in which they are kept, in which, at the commencement of each school term, they shall record the names of their pupils, their ages, absence, and the studies to which they attend, and once a month, note their proficiency in the same — and such other particulars of their conduct, application, and general character, as shall enable the school committee at their visitations (on all of which it shall be the duty of the Teachers to exhibit the same to them,) to form an adequate idea of the schools, It shall be the duty of the instructors frequently to remind their pupils of the important consequences, which may result to them individually from these perpetual records. It shall be the duty of the Teacher at the close of each term, to deposit the aforesaid book with the Clerk of the school district in which it belongs, and by him, be handed to the next succeeding Instructer at the commencement of the school.

Teachers of the schools to keep books

Voted That each prudential school committee man be furnished, by the Town Clerk, with an attested copy of the preceding vote — and, that compliance with the requirements of the aforesaid vote be made a condition on which he engages a Teacher.

Taxes abated

Voted To abate the taxes set to Vezia Smith in Collecton Phineas Barnes list of taxes for the year A. 1827

Highway district divided

Voted That the highways and town ways imbraced within the limits of the district of which Peter Pea was Surveyor last year, may be divided into two districts, and to be left to the Assessors to make the division

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not to grant money for school house

Voted, not to grant the sum of one hundred dollars to the inhabitants of School district No. 3 for the purpose of erecting a new school house in said school district

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Voted to pass over the 13th Article in the Warrant

County Treasurer and Register

...ty Treasurer were as follows (viz)	...for County Register were as follows (viz)
For William Ossorne ... Forty three	For Ralph H. French Esq. Sixty
... Cushing ... One	Do. Amos Choate Esq. Five
Do. Amos Choate Esq. One	Do. David Pulcifer 3rd Four
Do. Ralph H. French Esq. One	Do. William Foster Wade Esq. One

...ted to adjourn this meeting to the 11th day of May next at one Oclock P.M.

Governor, Lt. Governor, Senators and Counsellors

At a legal town meeting held in the meetinghouse in the second parish in Boxford this 4th day of April A.D. 1831 (being the first Monday in said month) for the purpose of the qualified electors of said town to give in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

The votes being sorted, and counted, and declaration thereof made and were for the following persons (viz)

Governor		Senators and Counsellors	
His Excl. Levi Lincoln	85	William Johnson jr Esq.	79
Hon. Marcus Morton	7	Hon. William Thorndike	78
Hon. Samuel Lathrop	2	Robert Cross Esq.	13
Hon. Harrison G. Otis	2	Hon. Stephen C. Phillips	77
Lieut. Governor		Hon. Leverett Saltonstall	71
Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop	90	Ebenezer Bradbury Esq.	51
Nathan Willis	7	Jesse Kimball Esq.	22
		William B. Breed Esq.	1
		Hon. Moses Wingate	6
		Ezra Hudson Esq.	6
		Joseph ... Cabot Esq.	6
		George Savary Esq.	6
		William Marks	6
		John S. Morse	6
		Jonathan Shove	1

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Representatives to Congress

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Boxford in the County of Essex qualified according to the constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden in the meeting house in the second parish in said town on monday the 4th day of April A. 1831. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Essex North district. The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the law is directed and were for the following persons (Viz.)

For Hon. Stephen H. Marston	66
" Hon. Caleb Cushing	45
" Gayton S. Osgood	8
" Capt. Thomas Farley	2
Samuel Bixby	1
Ralph H. French Esq.	1

May 11th

At a legal meeting of the male inhabitants held in the meeting house in the second parish in Boxford this 11th day of May A. 18[illegible] for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent said town in the General Court to be convened at Boston the last wednesday of May inst. The votes were as follows

Representative to general court

For Col. Charles Peabody	51	For Representative
" Maj Jacob Peabody	15	
" Capt Jacob Batchelder	11	
" Abijah Northrey Esq.	7	
" Capt. Josiah Kimball	5	

Voted to dissolve the meeting

April meeting resumed agreeable to adjournment

Treasurer to be collector

Voted that the Treasurer shall be collector, and the taxes to be collected in the way and manner as the last year

Excused

Voted to excuse Capt. Jacob Batchelder from serving as Treasurer and collector the present year

Chose Capt John Kimball Treasurer and Collector

Voted to reconsider the vote wherein the town voted to raise one hundred and fifty dollars (in addition to five hundred dollars raised for the support of schools) to be appropriated for the support of the grammar school

Voted that the Treasurer and Collector be allowed the sum of fifty dollars for his services the ensuing year

Voted that the several bills that were presented for labour in the winter be returned to their respective owners, and, lay by them until next April, and be returned according to the vote of the town in 1829, and that money be raised for the purpose of paying the same

Voted that the previous records relative to obtaining the blank books for the benefit of the schools, be transcribed into the several books, that the instructors, may perfectly understand the vote of the town.

Chose William Tyler Surveyor of Highways

Voted to dissolve the meeting

At a legal town meeting held in the meetinghouse in the second parish in Boxford this 11th day of May A.D. 1831.

Chose Col. Charles Peabody Moderator

Voted to raise the sum of thirteen hundred dollars to defray the expenses of the town the present year

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Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to take the care of managing and improveing the estate devised to the town by Hon. Aaron Wood Esq. which report was in the following words and figures (Viz.)

The Committee appointed to take the care and direction of the manner of managing and improveing the estate devised to the town by the Hon. Aaron Wood Esq. towards the support of a grammar school, ask leave to report, that on the 13th day of April last (the 17th being sunday) the several persons that hold and improve the same loaned, paid one years interest then due thereon amounting to $109.43. and the same was paid over to the treasurer of the town on the same day to be applied to the purposes of the devise

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The whole sum of the principal now loaned is $1944,32 and [illegible] and secured in the following manner

$323,50	By Capt Abraham Perley, secured by a Mortgage of 25 acres of land.
119,50	By Solomon Wood, secured by a Mortgage of 3 acres of land.
100, "	By Andrew Horner, secured by a Mortgage of 7½ acres of land.
287,25	By Frederick Spofford, his sureties are Samuel Spofford & Stephen Spoff[illegible]
100, "	By Asa Bradstreet, his sureties are John Broklebank & Paul Dole jr.
70, "	By Daniel Adams, his sureties are Israel Adams and Jonathan Foster
300, "	By John Broklebank, his sureties are Paul Dole jr. and Samuel Broklebank
100, "	By Nathaniel Dorman, his sureties are Timothy Dorman and Moses Dorman
200, "	By Benjamin Winter, his sureties are Nathaniel Nelson & Benjamin Little
100, "	By Nathaniel Nelson, his sureties are Joseph Kimball & John Kimball
61, "	By Nathaniel Nelson, his sureties are Nathaniel Morse & Benjamin Winter
113,75	By Benjamin Spofford, his sureties are Nathaniel Nelson & Nathaniel Morse
69,32	By Amos Kimball, his sureties are Jonathan Foster & Solomon Spofford
1944,32	

The note held by the Committee against Benjamin Spofford for $113,75 and the note of Amos Kimball for $69,32 are the amount of the land sold, that was set off on Ex^tons. against Moses Spofford and others for the amount they ow[illegible] the town which falls short of the original principal $117,10.

The Committee on the 18, of April last, received as income of said land wh[illegible] in their possession $28,10. which fell considerably short of the intrest on the same, but was all which could be obtained.

Your Committee find themselves charged with expenses (viz.)

By their attorney Mr. Clark for his expenses & Court charges, as per bill	$24,3[illegible]
By Shff. T. C. Foster for setting off land, for appraisers &c — —	24,1[illegible]
By taxes paid on said lands, to Treasurer of Rowley as per receipt	2,5[illegible]
By expenses of auction & fees $1,91 for copies of Ex^tons, to Register $2,00	3,91
in all making the amount —	54,9[illegible]
	28,10
The income of the land being $28,10 deducted leaves due the Committee	$26,88

Your Committee have in all matters relating to the above case acted under the advice of counsel. They previous to extending their Ex^tons, on all said Spoffords lands [illegible] advice of their counsel, rec^d from said Spofford sureties, on some of them in each ca[illegible] such bonds as were then considered a sufficient guaranty to the town on the princip[illegible] intrest, and legal costs in case the land then to be set off, should in the end fail of paym[illegible] the same. Immediately after the land was sold, which was Dec^br 4th 1830, applicati[illegible] was made to the above said bonds men to comply with the conditions of their bo[illegible] but as yet they have, and probably will decline meeting said application, as was most reasonably anticipated. On the last mentioned subject, relating to th[illegible] Bonds, your Committee desire instructions and directions from the town

Respectfully submitted by
Boxford May 11. 1831.

Amos Kimball
Samuel Peabody
Aaron Spofford
} Committee

May 11th Voted to choose a Committee of three to make such repairs on the Bridges over fish Brook and build such anew with stone as may be necessary in their opinion the present year

Chose Maj Samuel Perley
" Artemas W. Perley } Committee
" Samuel Goodale

Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

Bills of charge allowed on the adjournment*

Voted to allow a bill of charge presented by Capt. George Pearl of thirty five dollars and fifty cts for services as Selectman assessor & overseer of the poor likewise as one of a committee to help survey the town and as one of a Committee to let out the working of the road prayed for by Col. John Parker and others — $35,50

Voted to allow a bill of charge of thirty one dollars and thirty two cts. presented by Benjamin Robinson jr for services as Selectman Assessor and overseer of the poor, also as one of a Committee to cause a survey to be made of the town — $31,32

Voted to allow a bill of charge presented by Josiah Kimball of six dollars for six blank books purchased for the use of the several school districts — $6,00

Voted to allow a bill of charge of five dollars and eighty cts, for 46 feet of timber and 109 feet of plank to repair bridges $5,80 presented by Joseph Symonds as surveyor of highways

Voted to allow a bill of charge of four dollars and four cts. presented by Daniel Andrews, for 47 feet of oak plank at 3½ cts per foot and 40 feet of 3 inch white oak plank at 6 cts per foot — $4,04

Voted to allow a bill of charge presented by John Brown of one dollar and twenty five cents for plank $\frac{75}{100}$ and repairing a bridge over fish brook $\frac{50}{100}$ — $1,25

*The above bills of charge should have been recorded under the adjournment of the April meeting, but were mislaid and not discovered until I had nearly closed the record of the May meeting, Ask pardon for the mistake

Benj. Robinson jr T. Clerk

1831. May 11th.

Proposed Articles of amendment of the Constitution

At a legal town meeting held in the Meeting house in the second parish in said town on Wednesday the 11th day of May — A. D. 1831 for the purpose of the qualified electors giveing in their yeas and nays on the proposed articles of amendment of the Constitution agreeable to a resolve of the legislature of this Commonwealth — and were as follows

Nays — 49
Yeas — 13

June 1831

At a legal Meeting of the male inhabitants of the town of Boxford in the County of Essex qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representative in the general Court holden in the Meeting-house in the first parish in said town on Monday the 27th day of June A. D. 1831 for the purpose of giveing in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Essex North District. The whole number given in were sorted, counted, and recorded, and declaration thereof made and were for the following persons (Viz.)

Hon. Joseph Wittredge — — 58
Hon. Caleb Cushing — — — 43
Gayton P. Osgood Esq. — — 7

1831 June 27

At a legal town Meeting held in the Meeting house in the first parish in Boxford this 27th day of June A. D. 1831.

Chose Capt. Josiah Kimball Moderator

Voted to pass over the 2nd article in the Warrant.

Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to make all the necessary repairs on the road from the corner near Fordway Bridge (so called) [redacted] by the House of Samuel Towne to Andover line, and the sum to be expended is not to exceed forty dollars.

Chose Capt. Jeremiah Young
John Brown } Committee
Maj Samuel Perley

Voted. to dissolve the Meeting

Sept. 5

At a legal meeting of the male inhabitants of the town of Boxford in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the fifth day of September being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States, for the Essex North District. The whole number of votes given in, were sorted counted recorded and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed and were for the following persons:—

For

Hon. Joseph Whittredge - - - - 64
Hon Caleb Cushing - - - - - - 40
Gayton P. Osgood Esq. - - 5

At a legal town meeting held in the meetinghouse in the second parish in Boxford this 5th day of September A. D. 1831.

Chose Jonathan Foster Esq. Moderator.

Voted to pass over the 2nd article in the Warrant.

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

1824. Essex, ss. March 12th, 1824. Then Oliver Foster was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Collector of Taxes,

Before me, Stephen Peabody, Justice of Peace

Essex, ss. The 5th day of April 1824. Then Moses Dorman Esqr. was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Clerk of the Town of Boxford

before me, Thomas Perley, Justice of the Peace.

April 5th, then Genl. Solomon Low and Joseph Killam were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyors of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

April 5th Capt. Samuel Perley 3d and Capt. Amos Kimball were sworn to the Office of Fence-viewers within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year

April 5th Moses Chadwick was sworn to the Office of a Pound-keeper within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

April 5th Genl. Solomon Low was sworn to the Office of a Surveyor of Lumber within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

April 5th Benjamine Peabody was sworn to the Office of a Measurer of Wood within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

April 5th Major John Bowen was sworn to the Office of a Hog-reave within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

April 5th Lieut. Daniel Gould 3d was sworn to the Office of a Collector of Taxes within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

April 5th Doctor William Peabody was sworn to the Office of Field-driver and of Hogreave within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

April 15th John Gould and Lieut. John Merrill were sworn to the Office of Constables within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year

April 15th John Gould and Manly H. Cole were sworn to the Office of Field-drivers within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

April 15th Samuel Killam was sworn to the Office of a Fence-viewer within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year

April 15th Ens. Samuel Kimball was sworn to the Office of a Surveyor of Lumber within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year

April 15th Moses Chadwick was sworn to the Office of a Measurer of Wood within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year

April 15th Manly H. Cole was sworn to the Office of a Hogreave within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year

April 20th Samuel Kimball 3d was sworn to the Office of a Field-driver within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

April 21st Nathaniel Dorman was sworn to the Office of a Surveyor of Highways, and of a Pound-keeper within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year

April 15th Benjamin Stafford was sworn to the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

1824.
May 6th Then Simeon Pearl and Aaron Sprofford appeared and were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Assessors: also, of Selectmen respecting all elections and the returns thereof, within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

May 10th Then Francis Perley appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Field-driver within the town of Boxford for the current year.

May 26th Then Amos Carleton appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the current year.

Essex, ss. the 30th day of April 1824. Then Moses Harman personally appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of an Assessor of the Town of Boxford; also, as a Selectman, faithfully and impartially to discharge that Office respecting all elections and returns thereof Before me

Thomas Perley, Justice of the Peace

1825.
Jany 3d Then Jonathan Fuller Esqr. appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Collector of Taxes within the town of Boxford.

Jany 4th Then Moses Chadwick appeared and was sworn to the Office of a Sealer of Weights and Measures within the town of Boxford.

Essex, ss. April 3d. Then Moses Dorman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Town Clerk within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year

Before me Stephen Peabody, Justice of the Peace

April 3d Moses Chadwick was sworn to the Office of pound keeper of the Town pound in the Second parish in Boxford for the year ensuing

April 3d John Merrill was sworn to the Office of a Constable and of a surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

April 10th Jesse Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Hogreeve within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

April 14th John Merrill was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Collector of taxes within the Town of Boxford for the current year.

Essex ss. April 22d 1820. Then Capt. Amos Kimball Jr. and En. Samuel Perley Jr. were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Fence viewers within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year

Before me Stephen Peabody, Justice of the Peace

Essex ss. May 1st 1820. Moses Dorman, Amos Kimball Jr, Jacob Gould and Simeon Pearl, Selectmen of Boxford were sworn faithfully and impartially to discharge the duties of their Office respecting all elections, and returns thereof.

Before me Thomas Perley, Justice of the Peace

Essex ss. May 4th 1820. Then Capt. Abraham Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of an Assessor within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

Before me Stephen Peabody, Justice of the Peace.

Essex ss. May 8th 1820. Then Moses Dorman appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of an Assessor within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

Before me Stephen Peabody, Justice of the Peace.

May 8th Capt. Amos Kimball Jr. Capt. Jacob Gould and Simeon Pearl were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Assessors within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

May 10th Samuel Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office a surveyor of Highways, and Office of Hogreef within the Town of Boxford, for the ensuing year.

May 27th David Kimball was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Pound keeper within the Town of Boxford for the current year.

June 20 En Samuel Perley Jr. was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Constable within the Town of Boxford for the current year

August 30th Stephen Peabody Esqr. was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a fence viewer within the Town of Boxford for the current year.

1821 Essex ss. April 1st 1821. Then Capt. Amos Kimball was appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Town Clerk within the town of Boxford for the year ensueing before me.
Moses Dorman Justice of the Peace

April 9th Benjamin Stafford was sworn to the faithful discharge of duties of Collector of taxes. also of Sythingman and Field driver within the town of Boxford for the ensueing year
Isaac Barker was sworn to the Office of Field driver.

April 9 Moses Dorman Esqr. Seth Burnham. Capt. Charles Peabody & Simeon Pearl and Phineas Barnes were sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office of Assessors within the town of Boxford for the ensueing year, Also were sworn as Selectmen, to the faithful discharge of and impartial performance of the duties of their office respecting all elections and the returns thereof during the year before
Amos Kimball Jr. Town Clerk

Doct. George W. Sawyer, sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of Field-driver for the ensueing year
George Pearl was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of Surveyor of Highways within the town the current year.
Capt. Jeremiah Young was sworn faithfully to perform the duties of Fenceviewer and Hogreeve within the town the present year
Ens. Samuel Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of Constable & Surveyor of Highways within the town the present year
John Gould was sworn faithfully to perform the duties of Fenceviewer
Eliphalet Kunnels was sworn to the office of Field-driver
Daniel Wood was sworn to the Office of Hogreeve

May 5th John Merrill was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Constable, within the town the current year.

Essex ss. May 10th 1821. Then David Bixby personally appeared and was sworn to the Office of Pound keeper of the town's Pound within the first parish of Boxford for the current year.
Before Moses Dorman Justice of the Peace

Essex ss. May 14th Then Capt. Amos Kimball was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Collector of taxes within the town of Boxford for the present year before
Moses Dorman Just. Peace

May 14th Moses Dorman. Seth Burnham, Simeon Pearl and Phineas Barnes were sworn to the faithful discharge of Assessors for ascertaining the rateable estate within this Commonwealth as directed and enjoined by an act of the same, passed the present year
by A. Kimball Jr. T. Clk.

August 29th Moses Chadwick was sworn to the Office of Pound keeper of the towns Pound in the North Parish in Boxford

September 20th Seth Burnham sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyor of highways within the town of Boxford the present year

1822 Essex ss. April 1st Then Moses Dorman Esqr. appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Clerk within the town of Boxford for the ensueing year before me
Jonathan Foster, Justice of Peace.

April 1st Moses Chadwick appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Pound keeper, also, of a measurer of wood

1822. April 1st David Perley was sworn to the Office of Pound keeper for the year ensuing

May 6th John Merrill was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Constable within the town of Boxford of the ensuing year.

May 6th Capt Aaron Kimball Junr was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Fence viewer within the town of Boxford for the year ensuing.

Essex, ss: May 6th 1822. Then Moses Dorman and Jonathan Foster Esqrs were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Selectmen, relating to elections and the return thereof

Before me Thomas Perley, Justice of the Peace.

May 29th Moses Chadwick was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

Essex ss. May 29th 1822. Then Moses Dorman Esqr was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of an Assessor within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

Before me Jonathan Foster, Justice of the Peace.

May 29th Jonathan Foster Esqr and Capt John Tyler were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Assessors for the year ensuing.

May 30th Francis Hood was sworn to the faithful discharge of the the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

July 4th Lieut. Samuel Perley Junr was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Constable within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year; also, to the faithful discharge of the duties of a Fence viewer for the current year.

December 10th John Gould was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Fence viewer within the town of Boxford for the current political year

December 27th Benjamin Stafford was sworn to the faithful discharge of a Collector of taxes within the town of Boxford the present political year

1823.

Essex, April 7th. 1823. Then Capt. John Bacon personally appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Clerk within and for the town of Boxford for the ensuing year, before me

Moses Dorman
Justice of Peace"

1823.

April 7th 1823. Then Capt Samuel Perley and Lt. John Merrill were sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of Constable the ensuing year before me

John Bacon
Town Clerk.

April 1st 1823. Then Lt. Samuel Gould Jr. Jesse Perley and Thomas Perley were severally sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of Surveyor of Highways the ensuing year before me

John Bacon
Town Clerk.

April 7. 1823 Then Capt. Samuel Perley was sworn to the Office of Sealer owner for the ensuing year, before me

John Bacon
Town Clerk.

April 7. 1823 Then Thomas Perley Samuel Goodale and Capt. John Tyler were sworn to the Office of Fieldstriver the ensuing year, before me

John Bacon
Town Clerk.

April 7. 1823 Then Moses Chadwick was sworn to the Office of Pound keeper for the ensuing year, before me,

John Bacon
Town Clerk.

April 7. 1823 Then Thomas S. Hovey was sworn to the Office of Hogreeve the ensuing year before me

John Bacon
Town Clerk.

April 12th 1823 Then Samuel Morse was sworn to the Office of Hogreeve the ensuing year, before me

John Bacon
Town Clerk.

April 28. 1823. Then Capt. Frederick Spofford was sworn to the office of Surveyor of Highways the ensuing year before me

John Bacon
Town Clerk.

"Essex ss. May 1st 1823. Then Mr David Bixby personally appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of Pound keeper within the town of Boxford for the year ensuing" before me

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Justice of the Peace."

May 12th 1823 Then Moses Dorman Esq Capt Aaron Spofford and Capt Josiah Kimball were severally sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of Selectmen, respecting elections and the returns thereof, they also at the same time took the oath the law prescribes, to qualify them for the office of Assessors.

Before me

John Bacon

Town Clerk.

May 12th 1823. Then Stephen Peabody Esq. was sworn to the office of Fenceviewer the ensueing year.

Before me

John Bacon

Town Clerk.

May 12th 1823. Then Daniel Mitchel and Samuel Bixby were sworn to the office of Surveyors of Highways the ensueing year.

Before me

John Bacon

Town Clerk.

May 17th 1823. Then Ens. Richard Spofford was sworn to the office of Surveyor of Highways the ensueing year

Before me

John Bacon

Town Clerk.

May 31st 1823. Then Moses Chadwick was sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of Sealer of Weights and Measures the ensueing year

Before me

John Bacon

Town Clerk.

June 7. 1823. Then Samuel W. Clement was sworn to the offices of Surveyor of Lumber and of Fence viewer the ensueing year,

Before me

John Bacon

Town Clerk.

This certifies that Thomas W. Durant of Boxford regularly attends the Meeting & belongs to the Religious society in the South Parish in Andover.

Andover April 30th 1823.

Benjamin Jenkins Jr.
Amos Abbott.
Assessors & Comtte

Received the 30th day of April 1823.
Recorded by John Bacon
Town Clerk.

"Essex ss. June 4th 1823. Capt. Amos Thimball of Boxford in said "County, made oath, faithfully to discharge the several offices of "Fence viewer and Field driver within said town the current year."

"Before me"

"Jona Foster Just. of Peace"

Essex ss August 8. 1823. Then personally appeared Capt. Russell Stickney and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Treasurer within the Town of Boxford for the current year. Before me" Moses Dorman Justice of the Peace

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December 1823. Then Benjamin Pearl was sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of Measurer of Wood the ensuing year

Before me
John Bacon
Town Clerk.

"Essex ss, January 12th 1824. Then Col. Charles Peabody appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a measurer of wood within the town of Boxford for the present political year.

Before me Moses Dorman
Justice of Peace"

For further entries of Oaths, turn back four leaves.

" We certify that Pamela Wood of the town of Boxford is a mem-
" ber of the religious society in the town of Boxford called the
" second or North Parish in Boxford."
" Dated this 25th " day of April A.D. 1823. John Bacon
Received the 25th " day of April A.D. 1823. John C Merrill } Committee "
Recorded by John Bacon John Gage
Town Clerk.

" We certify that John Wood of the town Boxford is a member
" of the religious society in the town of Boxford called the "
" second or North Parish in Boxford. "
" Dated this 25th " day of April A.D. 1823. John Bacon
Received the 25th " day of April 1823. John C Merrill } Committee "
Recorded by John Bacon John Gage
Town Clerk.

" We certify that Stephen Stafford of the town of Boxford "
" is a member of the religious society in the town of Boxford "
" called the second or north Parish in Boxford. "
" Dated this 28th " day of April A.D. 1823. John Bacon
Received the 28th " day of April 1823. John C Merrill } Committee "
Recorded by John Bacon John Gage
Town Clerk.

" We certify that Capt. Frederick Stafford of the town of Boxford
" is a member of the religious society in the town of Boxford "
" called the second or North Parish in Boxford. "
Dated this 28th " day of April A.D. 1823. John Bacon
Received the 28th " day of April 1823. John C Merrill } Committee "
Recorded by John Gage
John Bacon
Town Clerk.

" We certify that Samuel Cole of the town of Boxford is a "
" member of the Religious Society in the town of Bradford "
" called the Union Christian Society "
" Dated the 12th " day of April 1823.

Received the 23 day of April 1823.
Recorded by John Bacon Town Clerk.

Henry Plummer
Richard Woodman
" Committee

" We certify that the Widow Sarah Wood of the town of Boxford "
" is a member of the religious society in the town of Boxford "
" called the second or North Parish in Boxford. "
" Dated this 25th " day of April 1823.

Received the 25th " day of April 1823.
Recorded by John Bacon Town Clerk.

John Bacon
John Merrill
John Gaye
" Committee

" We certify that Betsey Wood of the town of Boxford is a "
" member of the religious society in the town of Boxford "
" called the second or North Parish in Boxford. "
" Dated this 25th " day of April 1823.

Received the 25th " day of April 1823.
Recorded by John Bacon Town Clerk.

John Bacon
John Merrill
John Gaye
" Committee "

" We certify that Maria Wood of the town of Boxford is a mem= "
" =ber of the religious society in the town of Boxford called "
" the second or North Parish in Boxford. "
" Dated this 25th " day of April A.D. 1823.

Received the 25th " day of April A.D. 1823.
Recorded by John Bacon Town Clerk.

John Bacon
John Merrill
John Gaye
" Committee "

" We certify that Lucy Wood of the town of Boxford is a member of "
" the religious society in the town of Boxford called the second "
" or North Parish in Boxford. "
" Dated this 25th " day of April A.D. 1823.

Received the 25th " day of April 1823.
Recorded by John Bacon Town Clerk.

John Bacon
John Merrill
John Gaye
" Committee "

March 15th 1823.

We Certify that Mr. Samuel Perley is a Member of the first Baptist Incorporated Society in Rowley.

Received the 17th day of March 1823. and Recorded by Moses Dorman, T. Clerk.

Solomon Nelson
John Brackelbank
} Committee

March 15th 1823.

We certify Mr. Benjamin Chaffeld is a Member of the first incorporated Baptist Society in Rowley.

Received the 17th day of March 1823, and Recorded by Moses Dorman, T. Clerk

Solomon Nelson
John Brackelbank
} Committee

March 17th 1823

We certify Mr. Phineas Perley jun. is a Member of the first incorporated Baptist Society in Rowley.

Received the 17th day of March 1823. and Recorded by Moses Dorman, Town Clerk.

Solomon Nelson
John Brackelbank
} Committee

March 17th 1823.

We certify, Mr. William Perley is a Member of the first incorporated Baptist Society in Rowley.

Received the 17th day of March 1823, and Recorded by Moses Dorman T. Clerk.

Solomon Nelson
John Brackelbank
} Committee

March 10th 1823.

We certify Mr. Oliver Wood is a Member of the first incorporated Baptist Society in Rowley.

Received the 10th day of March 1823. and Recorded by Moses Dorman, Town Clerk.

Solomon Nelson
John Brackelbank
} Committee

March 10th 1823

We certify Mr. Gideon Baker is a member of the first incorporated Baptist Society in Rowley.

Received the 10th day of March 1823.
Recorded by Moses Dorman, T. Clerk.

Solomon Nelson
John Brackelbank
} Committee

"Rowley April 14th 1823."

"We certify Dr. William Peabody is member of the first Baptist"
"incorporated Society in Rowley.

Received the 15th of April 1823.
Recorded by John Bacon T. Clerk.

Solomon Nelson
John Brackelbank
} Committee"

"We) certify that Joseph Trimbell of the town of Boxford"
"is a member of the Religious Society in the town of"
"Bradford called the Union Christian Society."
"Dated this 12th day of April 1823.

Received the 20th day of April 1823.
Recorded by John Bacon Town Clerk.

Henry Plummer
Richard Woodman
} Comm"

Salem April 27th 1812

This is to certify to them before whom it may come that Billy Bradstreet of the Town of Boxford in the state of Massachusetts is a member of the first Universal Society in Salem in said state and that the said Bradstreet doath pay for the support of the same

Entered and recorded April 30th 1812 by A Kimball pr

Jonathan Beckford
Ward Chipman } Committee

This may certify that Amos Perley of Boxford and resident in Boxford, is a member of the Baptist Society in Rowley. Rowley April 6th 1813.

Entered and recorded April 30th 1813 by Amos Kimball pr T. Clerk

Moses Tenney
Benj. Plummer
Saml. Hariman } Committee

We certify that Allen Perley and John Perley of the town of Ipswich are members of the Religious Society in the towns of Ipswich and Rowley, called the Independent Baptist Society in said Towns.

(Dated at Rowley, April 30th, 1818.

Recivd, and recorded the 30th day of April 1818. Moses Dorman T. Clerk

David Saunders,
Moses Jewett Junr } Committee.

This may certify that Eliphalet Perley of Boxford is become a member of the first Religious Baptist Society in Rowley

April 4th 1822.

Received the 5th day of April 1822 and recorded, by Moses Dorman, T. Clerk

Solomon Nelson
John Brockelbank
Timothy Morse J. } Committee

March 1st 1823

We certify Mr. Jesse Perley is a member of the first incorporated Baptist Society in Rowley.

Received the 4th day of March 1823. and recorded by Moses Dorman, T. Clerk

Solomon Nelson
John Brockelbank } Committee

March 5th 1823

We certify, Mr. Daniel Chapman is a Member of the first incorporated Baptist Society in Rowley.

Received the 17th day of March 1823 and recorded by Moses Dorman, T. Clerk.

Solomon Nelson
John Brockelbank } Committee

1816. (442)

Essex SS. May 31st, 1816. This may certify, that William Tyler took the Oath of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the year ensuing
Before me Jonathan Foster, Justice of the Peace.

June 7th Stephen Peabody Esqr. was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the current year.

Jun 21st Samuel Peabody was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Poundkeeper for the current year.

Essex SS. The 4th day of July 1816. Then Moses Dorman, one of the Assessors of the town of Boxford was sworn to that Office in manner prescribed by law and also, as one of the Selectmen of Boxford, was sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of the Office respecting all elections and returns thereof. Before me, Thomas Perley, Justice of the Peace

July 9th Capt. Joseph Symonds was sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of a Surveyor of Lumber for the current year.

Novem. 4th Capt. John Kimball, Amos Perley, Simeon Pearl and Col. Solomon Low, Selectmen of Boxford, were sworn to the faithful discharge of their Office respecting all elections and the returns thereof.—

1817.
January 27th Daniel Adams was sworn to the faithful discharge of a Collector of taxes within the Town of Boxford for the current year.

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April 7th 1817 Capt. Amos Kimball was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office of Town Clerk before me -
Stephen Peabody Just of the Peace

April. Capt. Amos Kimball Jr. was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of Selectman and Assessor. before me -
Stephen Peabody Just. of the Peace

April 14th Ens. Samuel Perley and John Merrill were Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of Constables for the year ensuing
Moses Chadwick sworn to the office of keeper of North Parish Pound for the year ensuing.

April 29th Moses Dorman Amos Perley Capt John Tyler and Thomas Kimball, were sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of Selectmen & Assessors for the Current year

May 1st Samuel Peabody sworn keeper of the South Parish Pound for the year ensuing.
Ens. Daniel Gould Surveyor of the highways the ensuing year.
Deac. John Day sworn to the office of fenceviewer for the year

May 27th Daniel Mitchel sworn surveyor of highways

June 6th Francis Curtice sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of Fielddriver. before Amos Kimball Jr. Town Clerk

Essex SS. The 9th day of June 1817. Then Oliver Wood was sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford the ensuing year —
Before me Thomas Perley Just. of the Peace

1818.

April 6th Samuel Peabody and Moses Chadwick were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Pound keepers within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year

Before Moses Dorman, Town Clerk

April 6th Capt. Amos Kimball Jun. was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Fence viewer within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

April 7th Joshua Frenck was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

April 16th Capt. Jeremiah Young was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

April 28th Ens. Cornelius Gould appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Field driver also to the faithful discharge of the Office of Hogreaves within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

April 29th Capt. Amos Kimball Jun. Capt. Jacob Gould, Simeon Pearl and Capt. Abraham Perley were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Assessors; also, to the faithful discharge of their Office as Selectmen, respecting all elections and the returns thereof.

April 29th Parker Spofford Esqr. was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways for the year ensuing.

August 31st Benjamin Spofford was sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of Tythingman and of Hogreaf the current year.

1819 Essex ss. Boxford April 5th 1819 Then John Tyler 5d was chosen Town Clerk and sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office Before me Stephen Peabody Justice of the Peace

April 5th John Merrill was sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of a Constable within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year

Before John Tyler 3d Town Clerk

May 3d Essex ss. Then personally appeared Amos Kimball Jun. Capt. Jacob Gould, Simeon Pearl and Capt. Abraham Perley, and were severally sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of Selectmen and Assessors for and within the town of Boxford for the year ensuing — Before me Stephen Peabody Justice of the Peace

May 3d Capt. Abraham Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a sealer of Weights and Measures within the town of Boxford for the year ensuing

May 4th Gideon Bixby and Moses Chadwick were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Pound keepers within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year

May 3d Isaac Barker was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Fence viewer within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year

May 3d Ens. Cornelius Gould was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Field driver within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year

May 3d Stephen Spofford, Jesse Perley and Moody Foster, were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyors of Highways, within the town of Boxford for the year ensuing

May 25th Enoch Kimball was sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

May 29th Ens. Enos Reynolds was sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year

Oct. 29th Then Moses Dorman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of an assessor within the town of Boxford for the present year

Nov. 2d Ens. Samuel Perley Jun. was sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of a Constable within the town of Boxford for the present year

Essex ss. The 12th day of March 1799. Moses Norman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Clerk within the Town of Boxford the year ensuing.
Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

Essex ss. the 9th day of April 1799. Then Israel Adams, Nathan Andrews Junr, Israel Hooter and Enoch Perley were sworn in manner as the Law prescribes, to the impartial discharge of the Office of Assessors for the Town of Boxford, the year ensuing
Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace

April 10th 1799. Thomas Perley Esqr was sworn to the Office of Assessor for the Town of Boxford, the year ensuing. —

April 2d. Joseph Smith was sworn to the Office of Surveyor of High-ways, within the Town of Boxford, the ensuing year. —

April 9th. John Giddings was sworn to the Office of, Hog-reaf- and of Field driver within the Town of Boxford, for the year ensuing.

April 25th. Moses Wood was sworn to the Office of Tything-man within the Town of Boxford for the year ensuing. —

April 26th. Oliver Peabody was sworn to the Office of Hogreaf within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year. —

May 15th John Tyler and John Pearl Junr were sworn to the Office of Surveyors of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the year ensuing. —

May 15th Ensn Enos Runnels was sworn to the Office of Hogreaf, within said Town for the year ensuing. —

May 15th. Capt Joseph Symonds and Samuel Wood were sworn to the Office of Constables, within the Town of Boxford, for the ensuing year. —

May 15th. Nathan Kimball was sworn to the Office of Fence-viewer, within said Town for the ensuing year.

May 22d. Asa Peabody and Nathan Andrews Junr were sworn to the Office of Fence viewers, within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year. —

June 7th Oliver Perley was sworn to the Office of Surveyor of Highways, within the Town of Boxford, the year ensuing. —

Essex ss. The 11th day of March 1800. Then Moses Dorman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office and duty of Town Clerk within the Town of Boxford the year ensuing

Before me. Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

Essex ss. The tenth day of April 1800. Then Thomas Perley, one of the Selectmen for the Town of Boxford the year ensuing took the Oath prescribed by Law to qualify him for the discharge of that Office Before John Robinson Justice of the Peace

Essex ss. The 16th day of April 1800. Then Lt. Moses Carleton, Nathan Andrews Jun., Israel Foster and Amos Perley Selectmen for the Town of Boxford for the year ensuing, personally appeared and took the Oath prescribed by Law to qualify them for the discharge of that Office

Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

Essex ss. The 21st day of April 1800. Then Lt. Aruell Stickney was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office and duty of Treasurer for the Town of Boxford the year ensuing Before me Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

May 15th 1800 Daniel Peabody was sworn to the Office of Hogreaf.

May 15th 1800. Stephen Peabody and Lemuel Wood were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Constables within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

May 31st. Stephen Spofford was sworn to the Office of Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford, for the ensuing year.

June 12th Capt. Joseph Symonds was sworn to the Office of Field-driver within the Town of Boxford, for the year ensuing.

June 16th. Asa Peabody was sworn to the Office of Pound-keeper within the Town of Boxford, for the ensuing year.

Decem. 2d. Capt. Richard Peabody was sworn to the Office of Fence-viewer within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

Essex ss. The 6th day of April 1801. Then Moses Dorman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Clerk of the Town of Boxford the ensuing year.

Before me— Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.—

April 10th 1801. Thomas Perley Esqr., Capt. Moses Carleton and Mr. John Kimball were sworn to the Office of Selectmen within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

April 10th Thomas Perley Esqr. was sworn to the Office of Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

April 15th 1801. Francis Curtice was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

April 15th. Francis Curtice took the Oath of Field driver within the town of Boxford for the present year.

April 22 Ensign Cornelius Gould was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Tythingman within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

April 27th Jesse Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Field driver within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

May 4th Samuel Wood was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Constable within the Town of Boxford for the present year. — Also, was sworn to the Office of Fenceviewer. —

May 4th Joseph Wovey was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Tythingman, and of Hogreave within the Town of Boxford for the present year. — —

May 4th Moses Chadwick was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Poundkeeper within the town of Boxford for the present year.

May 4th Nathaniel Long, Samuel Stafford Jr. Lieut Phineas Cole and Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyors of highways within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

May 4th John Peart was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Hogreave within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

May 4th. Lieut Ebenezer Peabody was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Field-driver within the town of Boxford for the present year.

Essex ss. The 13th day of April 1801. Then Mr. Jacob Andrews and Ensign Joseph Symonds took the Oath of Assessors within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

Before me Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

Essex ss. The 17th day of April 1801. Then Mr. Solomon Wood was sworn as a Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

Before me Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

Essex ss. The 27th day of April 1801. Then Ensign Daniel Gould was sworn as a Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

Before me Thomas Perley, Justice of the Peace.

May 7th. Phineas Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Field-driver and of Fence-viewer within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

May 7th. Stephen Peabody was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Fence-viewer within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

May 13. Edmund Herrick was sworn to the Office of Field driver within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

May 18th. Asa Peabody was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Poundkeeper within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

Essex ss. The 4th day of ~~March~~ May 1801. Then Moses Dorman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the year ensuing.

Before me Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace

June 1th 1801 Jacob Andrews and Joseph Symonds Jur were sworn to the faithful discharge of Assessors for ascertaining the taxable estate within this Commonwealth, as directed and enjoined by an act of the same made the present year.

June 4th Thomas Perley Esq. was sworn to the faithful discharge of an Assessor for ascertaining the taxable estate within this Commonwealth, as directed and enjoined by an act of the same made the present year.

September 21st Timothy Dorman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Constable within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

Essex ss. The 5th day of April 1802. Then Moses Dorman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Clerk of the Town of Boxford for the year ensuing

Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

April 10th 1802. Ens. John Killam was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the year ensuing.

Essex ss. The 27th day of April 1802. Then Capt. Moses Carleton, Mr. Jacob Andrews, Mr. John Kimball, and Ensign Joseph Symonds took the Oath by Law prescribed to qualify them to discharge the Office of Assessors within the Town of Boxford the year ensuing,

Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace

Essex ss. The 29th day of April 1802. Then Ch. Nathaniel Perley took the Oath by Law prescribed to qualify him to discharge the Office of Constable within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year

Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace

May 13th Asa Fowler was Sworn to the faithful discharg of the Office of Survey of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

May 13th Abraham Tyler was sworn to the faithful discharge of a Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the present year—

May 22nd Aaron Perley and Stephen Peabody were sworn to the faithful discharg of the Office of Fence viewers within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

May 20th Asa Peabody appeared and took the Oath of Pound keeper; also, was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year —

June 7th Thomas Perley Esqr appeared and took the Oath, by Law required, to qualify him to discharge the Office of Assessor within the Town of Boxford the ensuing year —

June 12th Nathaniel Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the present yea

June 14th Lieut. Ansell Stickney took the Oath of Surveyor of Highways, and of Hogreef within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

June 21st Ensn. Joseph Symonds was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

1803.
April 4th Thomas Perley Esqr was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Assessor within the Town of Boxford for the present year. —

April 4th Cornelius Gould was sworn to the faithful discharge of Surveyor of Highways, of Hogreef, and of Fieldriver within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

April 4th Samuel Carleton was sworn to the faithful discharge of Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

April 4th John Kimball was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Hogreef within the Town of Boxford for the present year

April 4th Joseph S. Peabody was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the present year. —

April 11th Israel Herrick was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Assessor within the Town of Boxford for the present year. —

Essex ss. The 4th day of April 1803. Then Moses Dorman was Sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Clerk of the Town of Boxford. Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

Essex ss. The 19th day of April 1803. Then Mr. Samuel Wood, Capt. Jacob Gould and Mr. Israel Adams, severally took the Oath by Law prescribed, to qualify them to discharge the Office of Assessors for the Town of Boxford. Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

Essex ss. The 20th day of April 1803. Then Jeremiah Low was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyor of High ways within the Town of Boxford.

Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

April 4th 1803. Phineas Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Field driver within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

April 4th Moses Chadwick was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Poundkeeper within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

May 2nd Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody, Ensn. Joseph Parker and Samuel Spofford Jur. were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyors of Highways, within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

May 2nd Stephen Spofford was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Constable, and of Sealer of Weights and measures within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

May 6th Asa Peabody was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Poundkeeper within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

May 31st Capt. Joseph Symonds was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Tythingman within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

June 3d Jacob Andrews and Stephen Peabody were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Fence viewers within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

June 8th John Towne Jur. was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

June 13th Nathaniel Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Constable within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

1804. April 2nd Ensn. Joseph Parker, Samuel Killam and Moses Gould were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyors of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

April 2nd Francis Curtice was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Field driver within the town of Boxford for the present year

April 2nd Moses Gould was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Hogreaf for the present year

1806. Essex ss. the 2nd day of April— Then Moses Dorman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Clerk of the Town of Boxford—

Before me Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

April 5th Thomas Perley Esqr was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Assessor within the Town of Boxford for the present year. —

Essex ss. The 6th day of April 1806. Then Enos Dunn Enos Joseph Symonds, Mr Thomas Spofford and Mr Israel Herrick were sworn in manner prescribed by law, to the faithful discharge of the Office of Assessors, within the Town of Boxford for the year ensuing.

Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

April 12— Jacob Andrews was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Constable, within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

April 27th Ensn Cornelius Gould was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Sythingman.

April 27th John Sawyer was sworn to the faithful discharge of a Surveyor of Highways. —

April 28th Joseph Hilliard was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways. —

May 7th Moses Chadwick was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Pindkeeper for the present year —

May 7th Lt Ebenezer Peabody, Lt Simeon Cole and Capt Ivory Hovey were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Fish Committee within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

June 11th Asa Peabody was sworn to the faithful discharge of a Pound-keeper for the ensuing year.

Essex ss. The 10th day of May 1806. Then Mr Stephen Spofford was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Sealer of weights and measures, within the town of Boxford the present year.

Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace

1805.

April 1st Thomas Perley Esqr. Isaac Barker, Ensn. Joseph Symonds jr. John Kimball and Israel Herrick were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Assessors within the town of Boxford for the present year.

April 1st Moses Chadwick was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Pound keeper of the towns pound within the West parish of Boxford for the present year.

April 1st Thomas Spofford was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the present year.

April 1st Lieut Phineas Cole was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Tythingman, within the town of Boxford for the present year.

April 1st Francis Curtice was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Hogreef within the town of Boxford for the present year.

April 1st John Gould was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Field driver within the town of Boxford for the present year.

April 3d Aaron Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Field-driver within the town of Boxford for the present year.

April 22nd Abraham Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the present year.

Boxford April 13th 1805. This certifies, that Mr Moses Chadwick was this day, sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Constable for the year ensuing before me — John Robinson Justice of the Peace.

Boxford April 25th 1805. This day, Ensn. Enos Runnels personally appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Hogreaf within the town of Boxford for the year ensuing — Before John Robinson Justice of the Peace.

June 4th Aaron Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the present year. —

June 24th Jacob Andrews was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the present year.

July 2nd Capt. Richard Peabody was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the present year.

July 6th Solomon Low was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Lumber within the town of Boxford for the present year.

Essex ss. The 1st day of April 1805. Then Moses Dorrman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Clerk of the town of Boxford.

Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

May 6th Capt. Ivory Hovey, Lieut. Simeon Cole and Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody appeared and were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Fish-Committee within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

May 6th Jeremiah Herriman, Capt. Moses Carleton, Ens.n Joseph Parker and Micaiah Thimball appeared and were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyors of Highways within their respective limits for the ensuing year.—

May 6th Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody and Capt. Moses Carleton were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Fence Viewers

May 6th Phineas Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Hogreef for the present year.

May 7th Asa Peabody was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Poundkeeper of the towns Pound within the ~~South~~ parish of Boxford for the present year.—

Essex ss. The 11th day of October 1805. Then Phineas Perley took the oath prescribed by Law as Collector of Taxes within the town of Boxford the present year.—

Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

October 17th Stephen Peabody took the oath prescribed by Law as Collector of Taxes for the present year.— Also, took the Oath of a Fence Viewer.—

1806.— Essex ss. April 7th 1806. Then Moses Dorrman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Clerk for the town of Boxford.

Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

April 7th Thomas Perley Esqr. John Thimball, Lieut Joseph Symonds Ens.n Enos Kimmels and John Dorrman were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Assessors within the town of Boxford for the year ensuing.

April 7th Moses Chadwick was sworn to the faithful discharge of a Constable within the town of Boxford for the year ensuing.

April 7th Jonas Kimmels was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Tithingman within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

1806. April 7th Samuel Carleton and Stephen Kimmels appeared and took the Oath of Surveyors of Lumber for the present year.

April 9th Capt. Joseph Symmonds and Moses Chadwick appeared and were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Pound keepers within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

April 9th Lieut. Ebenezer Peabody, Lieut. Simeon Cole and Capt. Ivory Hovey appeared and were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Fish Committee within the Town of Boxford for the present year.

April 16th John Gould appeared and took the Oath of a Surveyor of Highways.

April 16th Samuel Killam was sworn to the Office of Field driver.

June 4th Joseph Smith was sworn to the faithful discharge of a Surveyor of Highways.

June 16th John Dorman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways

April 22nd Jesse Perley was sworn to the Office of a Field driver.

April 22nd Stephen Peabody was sworn to the Office of a Fence viewer.

April 23d Nathaniel Perley was sworn to the Office of a Fence viewer, and of a Hogreeve.

October 11th Nathaniel Perley appeared and took the Oath of a Collector of Taxes.

May 15th Asa Kimball, Reuben Burnam and Ens. Joseph Parker were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyors of Highways.

May 15th Jonathan Fowler Junr. and Daniel Adams were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Hogreeves.—

May 15th Solomon Low was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Lumber.

May 15th Abraham Tyler was sworn to the faithful discharge of a Surveyor of Highways

Essex ss. The 20th day of September 1806. Then Mr. Stephen Spofford was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of sealer of weights and measures within the Town of Boxford before me— Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

1807.

March 23. The Selectmen, namely, Thomas Perley Esqr. Enos Kimmels, Joseph Symmonds jur. John Kimball and John Dorman appeared and were sworn to the faithful discharge of their Office respecting Elections.

1807

Essex ss. The 6th day of April 1807. Then Moses Dorman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Clerk of the town of Boxford
Before me Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace

Essex ss. The 16th day of April 1807. Then Moses Dorman, John Kimball, Stephen Spofford, Samuel Carleton and Amos Perley were sworn to the right discharge of the Office of Assessors for the Town of Boxford in manner prescribed by law for the year ensuing— Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

April 6th Moses Chadwick, Ens.r Enos Runnels and Benjamin Robinson were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Field-drivers within the town of Boxford for the year ensuing.
Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

April 6th Moses Chadwick appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of pound-keeper, and of Constable within the town of Boxford for the present year —
Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk —

April 6th Ens.r Enos Runnels was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Lumber within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year —
Before me— Moses Dorman Town Clerk —

April 11th Capt. Amiel Stickney was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the year ensuing.
Before — Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

April 23. Capt. Joseph Symonds was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Pound-keeper of the town Pound within the first parish of Boxford for the year ensuing.
Before — Moses Dorman Town Clerk

April 28th Phineas Perley appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Constable, of a Collector of taxes, and of a Field-driver within the town of Boxford for the present year. —
Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk. —

Essex ss. April 29th, 1807. This may certify, that John Hovey Junr was then sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Hogreaf within the town of Boxford for the year ensuing.

Before John Robinson Justice of the Peace.

1807.
April 29th. Stephen Spofford appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Sealer of weights and measures within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year
Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

May 11th Enos Cornelius Gould appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyor of Highways, of Hogreaf and of Field driver within the town of Boxford for the prevent year.
Before Moses Dorman, Town Clerk.

May 11th Amos Kimball and Benjamin Pearl appeared and were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Hogreaves within the town of Boxford for the prevent year— Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

May 11th Capt Moses Carleton and Isaac Barker appeared and were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyors of Highways within the town of Boxford for the prevent year.
Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

May 22nd Solomon Wood appeared and took the Oath of Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the prevent year.
Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk

June 1st Benjamin Spofford appeared and took the Oath of a Collector of Taxes; also, of a Tythingman within the town of Boxford for the prevent year—
Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

June 10th Enoch Foster was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the prevent year.
Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk

June 13th Solomon Low was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the prevent year—
Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

July 4th Moses Gould was sworn to the faithful discharge of a surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the prevent year—
Before Moses Dorman, Town Clerk.

Essex ss. The 23d day of March 1808. Then Moses Dorman, John Kimball, Stephen Spofford, Samuel Carleton and Amos Perley, Selectmen of Boxford, were sworn faithfully and impartially to discharge and perform the duties of their Office respecting all Elections.

Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace

1800. Essex; SS. The 4th day of April 1800. Then Mr. Moses Dorman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Clerk of the Town of Boxford. Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

Essex; SS. The 4th day of April 1800. Then Moses Dorman, Jonathan Foster Junr., Stephen Spofford, Jonas Runnels and Jacob Gould Junr. were sworn in manner prescribed by Law, to the faithful discharge of the Office of Assessors of the Town of Boxford. Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

Essex; SS. The 4th day of April 1800. Then Moses Dorman, Jonathan Foster Junr., Stephen Spofford, Jonas Runnels and Jacob Gould Junr. Selectmen of Boxford, were sworn faithfully and impartially to perform and discharge the duties of their Office respecting all Elections. Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

April 4th Isaac Barker, Daniel Adams and Simeon Pearl were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of of Surveyors of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the present year Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

April 4th Moses Chadwick and Phineas Perley were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Offices of Constables and of Collectors of Taxes within the Town of Boxford for the present year. Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk

April 4th Moses Chadwick was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Pound-keeper within the Town of Boxford for the present yeear. Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

April 4th Phineas Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Hogreef, and of Field-driver within the Town of Boxford for the present year— Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

April 9th Ensn. Cornelius Gould was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Hogreef, and of Field-driver within the town of Boxford for the present year. Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

April 27th Frederick Spofford was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyer of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the present year. Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

May 9th Ensn. Enos Runnels was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Field-driver within the Town of Boxford for the present year. Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

May 9th Gideon Bixby was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Pound-keeper within the Town of Boxford for the present year. Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

1809.

May 9th John Giddings was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Field driver within the town of Boxford for the present year.
Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

May 10th Artemas Peabody was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the present year.
Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

July 4th Capt. Jacob Gould Jur. was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Fence viewer within the town of Boxford for the present year.
Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

July 6th John Dorman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Fence-viewer within the town of Boxford for the present year.
Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk

July 10th Benjamin Spofford was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Field-driver within the town of Boxford for the present year
Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

August 24th Solomon Wood was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Hogreef within the town of Boxford for the present year.
Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk.

1809.

Essex ss. The 3d day of April 1809. Then Mr. Moses Dorman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Clerk of the town of Boxford.
Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

April 3d Lt. Jonathan Foster Jur. Deacon Parker Spofford and Daniel Adams were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Assessors.

April 3d Amos Kimball and Isaac Barker were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Fence-viewers.

April 3d Essex ss. The 13th day of April 1809. Then Mr. Moses Dorman Mr. Daniel Chapman were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Assessors in the town of Boxford, in manner prescribed by Law.
Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

April 13th Benjamin Bixby was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways.

May 2nd Gideon Bixby was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Pound-keeper.

May 6th Phineas Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Constable.

May 8th Moses Chadwick was sworn to faithful discharge of the Offices of Pound-keeper, and of Constable.

May 8th Thomas Perley Esqr. Stephen Spofford and Israel Adams were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Fish Committee on the river Parker.

1809.

April 24th Capt. Ariell Stickney was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a ~~Fence~~ viewer for the present year.

June 1st Ens.r Cornelius Gould was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways. –

June 7th Ens.r – Daniel Gould was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways.

August 8th Moses Chadwick was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Field-driver for the present year –

Essex ss. The 8th day of May 1809. Then Moses Dorman, Jonathan Foster Jus.t Peter Spofford, Daniel Adams and Daniel Chapman Selectmen of Boxford were sworn to the impartial discharge of the duties of their Office respecting all elections –

Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

December 1st Stephen Peabody Esq.r was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Collector of taxes within the town of Boxford for the present year.

December 6th Capt. Ariell Stickney was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Treasurer within the town of Boxford for the present year.

1810.

January 5th Israel Herrick was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Fence viewer within the town of Boxford for the present year.

Essex ss. The 2nd day of April 1810. Then Mr. Moses Dorman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Clerk of the town of Boxford – Before me Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace

April 7th Ens.r Cornelius Gould was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the present year –

April 13th John Kimball Jus.t was sworn to the Office of Fish Comm.r and of Field-driver

April 13th Benajah Burnes was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a hogreef.

April 13th Amos Kimball Jus.t was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Constable.

April 16th Oliver Hilliard was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Field-driver. –

Essex ss. The 19th day of April 1810. Then Moses Dorman aforesaid and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of an Assessor; also, as a Selectman to the faithful and impartial discharge of that Office respecting all elections and the returns thereof. Before me Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

April 24th Jonathan Foster Jus.t Esqr, Deacon Parker Spofford, Daniel Adams and Daniel Chapman were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Assessors; also, as Selectmen to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of their Office respecting all elections and the returns thereof.

Before Moses Dorman Town Clerk

1810.

April 7th. Deacon Parker Shepherd was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highway within the town of Boxford

May 2nd. Samuel Wyeth appeared, and affirmed that he would faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of a Hogreef within the town of Boxford.

May 4th. Henry Perley appeared and took the Oath prescribed by Law to the Office of a Surveyor of Highways for the present year.

Essex ss. The 7th day of May 1810. Then Mr. Aaron Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Field driver within the Town of Boxford — before me Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace

May 7th. Thomas Perley Esqr. Israel Adams and Stephen Shepherd were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Fish Committee on the River Parker

May 7th. Ens.n Enos Kimball was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Scything man.

May 7th. Isaac Parker was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Fence viewer.

May 7th. Stephen Shepherd was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Essex ss. The 16th day of May 1810. Then Mr. Joseph Wood was sworn to the faithful discharge of his Office as one of the Fish Committee of the Town of Boxford.

Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace

May 21st Phineas Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Collector of Taxes, of Hogreef and of Field driver.

May 22. Gideon Bixby was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Pound keeper.

Essex ss. The 22d day of May 1810. Then Mr. Aaron Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Hogreave within the Town of Boxford.

Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.

May 23. Capt Joseph Symonds was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Constable within the Town of Boxford.

1811. Essex ss. The 1st day of April 1811. Then Moses Boynton appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Clerk of the town of Boxford for the year ensuing.

Before Jonathan Foster Jus. Justice of the Peace

1811 April 1st Amos Kimball Jus. was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Constable within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

April 11th. Stephen Peabody Esqr. and Capt. Jacob Gould appeared and were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Fence viewers within the Town of Boxford for the year ensuing.

Essex ss. The 6th day of April 1811. Then Chadwick appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Collector of taxes within the town of Boxford for the year ensuing

Before Jonathan Foster Jus. Justice of the Peace

April 15th John Day was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the ensuing year.

April 15th Jonathan Foster Jus. Esqr. was sworn to the Office of a Fence viewer

April 15th Daniel Bodwell and John Kimball Jus. were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Field drivers for the year ensuing.

April 15th John Kimball Jur. was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Fish Committee within the town of Boxford for the year ensuing

1811. April 15th Thomas Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Constable, and of an Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford for the year ensueing.

April 26th Samuel Spofford, Stephen Spofford, Esq. Samuel Kimball and Lt. Abraham Perley were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Assessors, and of Selectmen respecting all elections and the returns thereof.

Essex ss. The 13th day of May 1811. Then Moses Dorman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Governor, and of selectman, respecting all elections and the returns thereof

Before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace

May 13th Stephen Spofford, Israel Adams and Dea. Parker Spofford were sworn to the faithful discharge of Said Committee on the River Parker &c

May 27th Gideon Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Pound keeper of the Towns pound within the first District of Boxford for the year ensueing.

June 8th Capt. Solomon Law was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of an Surveyor of Highways.

July 2nd Asa Foster was sworn to the Office of an Surveyor of Lumber.

1812 April 13th Essex ss. Stephen Spofford, Capt. John Kimball, Simeon Pearl, Dea. Parker Spofford and Capt. Joseph Symonds were sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of assessors of the Town of Boxford for the year ensueing before Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace

April 13th Capt. Jacob Gould was sworn to the faithful discharg of the office of Hogreave for the year ensueing.

Francis Curtis sworn to the office of Fieldriver.

Samuel Peabody sworn to the office of Surveyor of Highways

Moses Gould sworn to the office of Hogreave the year ensueing

April 15th James Coburn sworn to the office of Hogreave. ——

William M. Coburn sworn to the office of Fieldriver ——

Essex ss. The 6th day of April 1812 Then Thos. Kimball was sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of Clerk of the Town of Boxford for the year ensueing, before Thomas Perley Just. of Peac

April 20th John Merril was sworn to the office of Hogreave. ——

Essex ss. The 13th day of April 1812 Then the Stephen Spofford and Dea. Parker Spofford Two of the committee chosen by the Town of Boxford to remove and prevent obstructions to the passage of the fish up the river Parker, the falls River the streams and Brooks running into the same in method prescribed by Law, were sworn to the faithful discharg of the duties of their office, Before Thomas Perley Just. of Peac

Essex ss. The 13th day of April 1812 Then Stephen Spofford John Kimball Simeon Pearl Parker Spofford and Joseph Symonds Junr Selectmen of Boxford were sworn to the faithful ~~do~~ and impartial discharge of that office respecting all Elections and returns of Elections

Before me Thomas Perley justice of the Pe

April 27th Leonard Carlton was sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of Surveyor of the Highways. ——

1812
May 2d. Phineas Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Constable within the Town of Boxford for the year ensuing
May 11th Benjamin Spofford was sworn to the faithful discharg of the Office of Collector of Taxes, and Surveyor of Highways within the the Town of Boxford for the year ensueing.
Deac. Parker Spofford Sworn to the Office of Fenceviewer
Francis Flood Sworn to the Office of Surveyor of Highways
Asa Stiles Sworn to the Office of Surveyor of the Highways
Charles Peabody Sworn to the office of Surveyor of Highways
Capt. Jacob Gould Sworn to the Office of Fenceviewer
Gideon Bixby Sworn to the Office of Pound Keeper in East Parish
Essex ss. The 11th day of May 1812 Then Lieut. Amos Kimball was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Constable of the Town of Boxford before me Stephen Peabody justice of the Peace
May 21st. Samuel Spofford Sworn to the Office of Fieldriver.
28th Capt. John Tyler Sworn to the Office of Fenceviewer
Isaac Hovey Sworn to the Office of Surveyor of Highways
June 10th Moses Porter Sworn to the Office of Surveyor of the Highways
Moses Chadwick Sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of keeper of the Pound, in the North Parish in Boxford
July 2d Joseph Hovey appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of fenceviewer before A. Kimball jr. T. Clerk
20th Samuel W. Clement Sworn to the Office of Fieldriver
July 25th Abraham Tyler Sworn to the Office of Hogreeve for the present year
December 14th Capt. Ancill Stickney was sworn to the faithful discharge of the of the office of Treasurer within the Town of Boxford for the present year before Amos Kimball jr. T. Clerk
March 15th 1813 Samuel Carlton was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of surveyor of Lumber
1813 — Essex ss. The 5th day of April 1813 Then Lieutenant Amos Kimball Junr. was sworn to the faithfull discharge of the Office of Clerk of the Town of Boxford, before me Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace
April 7th. Samuel Carlton, Sworn to the faithful discharge of the Offices of Surveyor of Highways, Surveyor of Lumber, and one of a fish Committee
John Kimball jr. was Sworn to the office of Fieldriver
9th Thomas Perley Esqr. Sworn to the Office of Survey of Highways
Deac. Parker Spofford Sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of Fieldriver within the Town of Boxford
April 9th Deac. Parker Spofford. Ap. 19th Stephen Spofford and Ap. 20th Israel Adams, the Committee Chosen by the Town of Boxford to remove and prevent obstructions to the passage of the fish, up the River Parker the falls river, the streams and brooks running into the same in method prescribed by Law, were sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office before Amos Kimball jr. Town Clerk.

1813. April 13th Charles H. Kimball was Sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Constable for and within the Town of Boxf

April 15th Mr. Moses Dorman, Capt. John Kimball, Capt Joseph Symonds jr. Simeon Pearl and Capt. Jacob Gould were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Assessors and of Selectmen respecting all Elections and the returns thereof

15th Phineas Perley sworn to the Office of Constable for Boxf

Artemas Kimball Sworn to the Office of Surveyor of Highways

Capt. Jacob Gould sworn to the Office of Fenceviewer for Boxfor

19th Phineas Perley sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of field driv

Essex ss. The 23d day of April 1813 Then Samuel Perley was Sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford before me —

Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace

May 10th Benjamin Spofford sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of Collector of Taxes for the Town of Boxford the yea pres

June 14th Isaac Barker Sworn to the office of Fenceviewer

15th Joseph Hovey Sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of Fenceviewer

Moses Chadwick Sworn to the faithful discharge of the offic of Pound keeper of the Towns Pound in the North Parish Boxfo

16th Capt. Ancill Stickney Sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Town Treasurer of Boxford for the year ensuei

Essex ss. June 3d 1813 Then Capt. Ancill Stickney made Oath faithfully to discharge the duties of Surveyor of Highways before me — Stephen Peabody justice of the Pea

August 25th Samuel Spofford sworn to faithful discharg of the duties of Surveyor of Highways, field river and Hogreave before Amos Kimball jr. Town Clerk

1814. Essex ss. The 4th day of April 1814. Then Moses Dorman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Clerk of the Town of Boxford. Before me — Thomas Perley, Justice of the Peace.

April 4th Benjamin Pearl was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford the present ye

April 4th Capt. John Tyler was sworn to the Office of a Fence viewer.

April 4th John Bacon was sworn to the Office of a Hogreave.

April 4th John Kimball Jur. and Eliphalet Perley personally appeared and were sworn to the Office of Field-drivers within the town of Boxford

May 2nd Benjamin Spofford was sworn to the Office of a Field-driver.

May 2nd Benajah Burns, Joseph Wood and John Kimball appeared and were sworn to the Office of Fish Committee on the streams leading through Bradford into Merimack River.

May 2nd Moses Chadwick was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Pound keeper of the town pound within the 2nd parish of Boxford

April 22nd Capt John Kimball, Capt Joseph Symonds Jur. Simeon Pearl and Capt Jacob Gould were sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Assessors within the town of Boxford

1814. Essex ss. The 2nd day of May 1814. Then Moses Dorman was sworn as one of the Assessors of the town of Boxford the present year in the manner prescribed by a Law of the Commonwealth for that purpose
Before me — Thomas Perley, Justice of the Peace

Essex ss. the 2nd day of May 1814. Then Moses Dorman, Capt. John Kimball, Capt. Joseph Symonds Jun. Simeon Pearl and Capt. Jacob Gould were sworn, as Selectmen, of Boxford, to the faithful and impartial discharge of their duty respecting all Elections and returns thereof.
Before me Thomas Perley. Justice of the Peace.

Essex ss. The 16th day of May 1814. Then Mr. Amos Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Fence viewer within the town of Boxford
Before Thomas Perley, Justice of the Peace.

Essex ss. The 18th day of May 1814. Samuel W. Clement made Oath to the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him for the year ensuing by the Town of Boxford, as Surveyor of Lumber within said Town.
Before me Jona Foster, Justice of Peace

Essex ss. The 19th day of May 1814. Then Capt. Amiell Stickney was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Fence-viewer within the Town of Boxford.
Before Thomas Perley, Justice of the Peace

May 27th. Gideon Bixby was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Pound-keeper of the Town pound within the the first parish of Boxford for the ensuing year.

May 30th. Aaron Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford.

June 3d Henry Perley Jun. was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford

June 6th — Jonathan Foster Esq. was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Fence-viewer, and the Office of Field driver within the Town of Boxford.

1815.
Jan 7th Benjamin Spofford was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Collector of taxes within the town of Boxford

1815. Essex ss the 3rd day of April then John Kimball was sworn to faithfull discharge of the office of Clerk of the Town of Boxford
Before Thomas Perley Esqr.

April 3 John Gould appeared and was sworn to the faithfull discharge of the trust reposed in the office of Tythingman

April Essex ss Then Stephen Spofford Deacon John Day sworn to faithfull discharge of the office of assessors within the Town of Boxford

April then Benjamin Pearl appeared and swore to the faithfull discharge of the trust reposed in the office of pound keeper in the north parish Boxford

May 1st Essex ss. Then Moses Dorman and John Kimball were sworn to the faithfull and impartial discharge of the duty of selectmen and their duties respecting all Elections and returns thereof. Before me
Thomas Perley, Justice of the peace

May 1st Then Samuel Perley jr. and Nathan Dresser swore faithfully to discharge the dutys required in the office of surveyor of high ways

May 1st Then Jonas Runnels appeared and swore faithfully to discharge the dutys required in the offices of fielddriver and fence viewer

May 1st Then Simeon Stiles appeared and swore faithfully to discharge the duty of Hogreeve

May 2n. John Bacon appeared and swore faithfully to discharge the office of constable within the town of Boxford the present year.

464 315 [illegible] Capt. Thomas Kimball appeard and was sworn to
Essex ss. the Office of field driver within the Town of Boxford
May 3d. Then Mr. Thomas Barnes was sworn to the Office of Dyhingman
within the town of Boxford before me Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace
May 29th then Capt. Simeon Cole appeard and was sworn to the
faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyor of Highways
within the town of Boxford the present year.
May 30th then Silla Burnam appeard and was sworn to the Office
of Surveyor of Highways within the Town of Boxford the present
June 4 then John Gould was sworn to the Office of Field driver
June 13th then Isaac Barker appeard and was sworn to the Office of Fence
Viewer within the town of Boxford the present year.
Essex ss June 14th then Mr. Aaron Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the
Office of Fence Viewer within the Town of Boxford.
before me, Thomas Perley Justice of the Peace.
June 20th Then Artemas Kimball appeard and was sworn to the Office
of Fence Viewer within the town of Boxford.
July 3rd Then Israel Foster appeard and was sworn to the Office of Selectmen for Boxford
do. Then Gideon Bixby appeard and was sworn to the Office of Pound Keeper
July 10th then Joseph Symonds appeard and was sworn to the Office of Hogreeve
February 27th then Samuel W. Clement appeard and was sworn to the Office of
Surveyor of Lumber
Essex ss. The first day of April 1816. Then Moses Bornam was
1816. sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Clerk of the town of
Boxford, before me Thomas Perley, Justice of the Peace.
April 1st Samuel W. Clement and Benjamin Peabody appeared and were sworn to
the faithful discharge of the Office of Surveyors of Highways within
the town of Boxford for the year ensuing.
4th Isaac Barker and Daniel Mitchel were sworn to the faithful discharge
of the Office of Fence viewers for the year ensuing.
Dito Daniel Adams was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office
of a Constable within the town of Boxford for the ensuing year.
Ditto Ens. Enos Stevens was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office
of a Field driver for the year ensuing.
Ditto. Benjamin Peabody was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office
of a Pound keeper for the year ensuing.
Ditto. Samuel W. Clement was sworn to the faithful discharge of the
Office of a Surveyor of Lumber for the ensuing year.
April 5th Samuel Perley Jus. was sworn to the faithful discharge of the
Office of a Constable for the ensuing year.
Essex, ss. The 17 day of April 1816. Then Mr. Thomas Perley was sworn
to the faithful discharge of the Office of Fence viewer; also, to the
Office of Hogreeve within the town of Boxford for the year ensuing
Before Thomas Perley, Justice of the Peace.
April 25th Capt. Jacob Gould was sworn to the faithful discharge of the
Office of a Fence viewer within the town of Boxford for the present
year.
May 13th Jesse Perley was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Surve
or of Highways within the town of Boxford for the present year.
May 13th Frederick Stafford was sworn to the faithful discharge of the
office of a Surveyor of Highways within the town of Boxford for the
current year. – For further entries, turn back eleven leaves.

TREATMENT REPORT
February 2007

TOWN MEETING RECORDS
1793-1831
BOXFORD, MA

Condition on receipt: Book in original cover. Binding and sewing deteriorated. Paper acidic, weak at folds, some tears at edges.

Treatment: Book dismantled and binding materials removed. Paper mended with Japanese tissue or Crompton heat set tissue. Paper deacidified using magnesium oxide. Book resewn and bound in Hewit vegetable tanned goatskin and acid-free materials.

BROWN'S RIVER RECORDS PRESERVATION SERVICES ESSEX, VT